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Prologue 1 – The Return

On that day, it was snowing.

Stains of blood similar to a rose dyed the pure white snow.

Steel beams that were loaded onto the back of a running truck collapsed right in front of my eyes, I got caught and before I realized it I was dying.

Just the red blood that flourished in the snow remained as my consciousness vanished. Suddenly, in my last moments I thought about my character “Hiyuki” whom I considered the other half of my body.

…Yeah, if I disappear she will also no longer exist.

While being saddened by the simultaneous loss of both me and Hiyuki, my consciousness faded and melted into the darkness…

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I then woke up in a luxurious coffin, with roses spread around inside.

“-Uwaah-!?”

Instinctively knowing this for some reason, I instantly put my hand on the lid and pushed it open with all my upper body’s might.
It opened unexpectedly easily and from there I leaned outward, and looked around in a hurry.

-Where is this? Since I was in a coffin, that means this is a funeral house or crematory right!? If I woke up when they had started cremating that wouldn’t be funny at all!

However, contrary to my expectation, it was a medieval castle. There was a huge splendid canopy bed which I didn’t know the size of if I counted it in tatami, but it seemed to be used by royalty, also there was large, elegant furniture aligned in this bedroom.

“…Heh? What is this place??”

The voice that I used to mutter to myself was strangely high and cute.

Also apparently what I was wearing was a silky luster dress that mainly composed in black and decorated with a gorgeous red rose corsage.

On top of that there was a long black hair shining like a velvet hanging down, which certainly was mine. When I turned my gaze down and looked at it, what I saw was a slightly bulged chest and a waist so slender that it might break, and then-

"…Gone"

While trying to make sense of the loss at my crotch, I tried to crawl noticing that my own fingers were thin yet flexible, like those of child. The symbol of a man that I was familiar with was gone, instead replaced with an unknown slit.

While I was stunned, there was a sound of someone knocking at the ebony door of the bedroom.

"-Ok…"

I swallowed my words in an instant as I was going to say "occupied" on reflex.

"Excuse me"

There was a voice of greeting amid me being in this frustrating situation. The heavy door which was around 3×2 meters was pushed open easily, and a good looking man with golden eyes and stunning blond hair came into the room.

The man appeared to be around 20 years old and was dressed bisshi-like with a tuxedo; it was enough to amaze me. He was beyond good looking and put a big smile on me.
No-no, I will not go "over that line". Up until now the pretty guy was floating a full throttle smile, it was almost like a weapon. If I was a girl this is where I would fall in love, huh… but I am a girl now! Theeen… am I having a crisis now?

Thinking such foolish things, in front of me the pretty guy placed his right hand on his chest, and genuflected like a knight. He brought down his head deeply and placed one foot forward.

"Her Highness Princess resurrected, it's truly an extremely wonderful joy that I, Tengai, be the first to witness it, everyone in this territory has been hoping from the bottom of their heart for this day"

A pretty guy takes different shapes and forms I guess~ but wait I remember something, suddenly, the word that I was sure I didn't mishear; I arbitrarily raised a hysteric voice.

"Tengai!!?"

"…Hu-huh. Did I do something, princess?"

He didn't answer my question and seemed dubious, so I pointed toward that pretty guy.

"Golden Dragon {Naga Raja}??!"

"Hmm? Yes, that's me…?"

Instantly, something like a transparent pop up menu appeared at the place I pointed at, its display was covering the pretty guy.

Race: Golden Dragon {Naga Raja}
Name: Tengai
Owner: Hiyuki
HP: 556,800(Human Form)/1,948,800(Half Dragon Form)/61,234,800(Dragon Form)
MP: 767,800(Human Form)/2,303,400(Half Dragon Form)/53,746,000(Dragon Form)

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Golden Dragon {Naga Raja} was originally arranged as the boss for an event of 'Eternal Horizon Online', a game I was playing. Then it was released as an SSR (Super-super rare) class item for a gacha prize in a limited event.
At the time I also attempted it, but it wasn't easy at all; I got it by exchanging every one of my precious assets and a large amount of rare items. It was probably an ultra-high level monster, not even totaling five of them on the server.
And then I put the name of the Golden Dragon {Naga Raja} that I got with Tengai but, don't tell me he's this person?! He's that dragon?!

While I was confused, apparently I pointed my finger at myself, a semitransparent pop up menu floated in the same way.

Race: Vampire Princess {God Ancestors}

Name: Hiyuki

Title: Tenjoutenga {Graceful Lady of the Sky}

HP : 78,000

MP : 95,500

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It was definitely my character name and status in ‘Eternal Horizon Online’

TL Note

Hiyuki means Scarlet Snow

Tengai means Skyline/Horizon

Naga Raja here isn’t snake, it’s a dragon, using malay/indo language. It means Dragon King

Oc and Occupied

In moon land, haittemasu is used when a toilet is busy (occupied), hai mean yes, she accept the unknown man to come

So the closest word I could think is Ok (Oc->Ok) and Occupied

Bisshi Bishounen

Truck did it again! Yay. Truck is evil, Fuuka is kill

Ye correction is gladly accepted!

Prologue 2

The door that was left open was knocked on for courtesy. Wearing a maid outfit, a beautiful platinum blonde haired woman with dazzling icy eyes and 3 pairs of wings enters the room. There is a sense of familiarity from the woman coming this direction. Of course I observe her.

She sends a gaze toward Tengai who came in before and was now genuflecting, then she spoke with a slightly respectful tone.

“Tengai-dono, it’s sad that you made a rude entrance into a woman’s bedroom. No matter what, shouldn’t the leader of the 4 Heavenly Evil Kings not be acting rudely?”

“…Uh, my bad Mikoto. I felt that the Princess’s magic had awakened, so I couldn’t just stand still…”

Thinking that he replied remorsefully, but without having a regretful tone, she shook her head helplessly. Then once again she turns toward me, she straightens her posture to show her dignity and bowed to me.

“Princess, for you to awaken, for me, it is an unattainable joy even better than anything.”

As I though, it’s that Mikoto huh.

I try to check the pop-up window by pointing toward her just in case.

Race: Seraphim
Name : Mikoto
Owner : Hiyuki
HP : 27,960,000
MP : 35,268,000
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…Well, these ability levels are not something to laugh at. By the way if I click on the “▼” icon, more detailed statuses or skills would be displayed, but I skipped it since it was just dozens of trivial lines.

I mean, I know Tengai's ability level earlier was ridiculous, but for Mikoto it was already so insane.

She is the first SR (Super Rare) class prize that I hit in gacha, therefore she was used as pet longer than Tengai. The level base had been maxed, same as Tengai long ago, but her ability base would be nearly the same as me, the number shouldn't be up this high.

Generally if the pet ability is drastically higher than the owner, it doesn't make sense in the game. Therefore, even the golden dragon {Naga Raja}, had it's ability level significantly nerfed when it became a gacha prize. Though it had turned into a half fashion item, the level which the Golden Dragon {Naga Raja} originally appeared as an event boss, took a group of 150 people of max level 3rd reincarnated class including me. Even then it took us together over 2 hours to fight and defeat it while lagging. Aren't it's levels the same as back then?

Also, seraphim is at the top of the angel race. Although it hasn't appeared as a MOB, when I feel how it looks right now, since the 2 winged angel MOB on the top of "Tower of Fallens" level is 40-50 times higher compared to what was implemented in the fallen. Perhaps if seraphim were implemented as a MOB, it would become something like this? Predicting by its number.

I don't know for what reason, but the pet limiter which had been set is gone. Either way at this rate, I will be killed instantly if they were against me.
…Yeah, let's behave carefully so I don't offend them.

"Excuse me, both of you people; I have a little something to ask…"

As soon as I spoke, both the pretty guy and woman stood up straight at once and their face became stunned as if they were getting struck by lightning.

This.. this is bad! Did I do something wrong…? What should I do…?

"Princess! For beings like us, we aren't worthy of such polite speech"

"Princess, perhaps you have lost your memories because of your eternal sleep…?"

"Eh?! Ah-…no, I remember. Tengai-san and Mikoto-san, you have helped me very much as DPS and Healer"

After I said so, I could see those two showed relieved faces.

Hmm? By the way I wonder if this is a common recognized occurrence within the game…

“Even so, please somehow throw away honorifics when calling our names”

Although being told so by Mikoto who bowed at me.. in the first place there was no speaking with pets in the game!

Ah, wait. Certainly there was. When I was in combat, the voice actor was screaming ‘Go!’, ‘Falter!’, ‘Eliminate it!’ towards the pet…

In other word, perhaps something like that…? Using the feeling of giving an order without mercy??

When I timidly look at them, they are waiting for my words with strangely sparkling eyes. If they were dogs, they would be sitting while wagging their tails.

I wonder if it’s all right… talking arrogantly like that. There maybe be something like a hidden favorability parameter that they have that I didn’t know about which would go down and then they would rebel. To be honest I think I would get blown away in one hit…
Th-there is no other way. It’s dangerous if I make them wait much more.

I spoke again with those two while trying to maintain the tone of Hiyuki within the game.

“Yea, both of you have been troubled. How admirably that you were able to manage my slumber without hindrance. I appreciate that.”

“YES, we are very grateful for your happiness!!”

Ah – this is somewhat good.

“…What happened while I was deep in my slumber? I would like to hear the situation.”

After I said so, Tengai fixes his posture from the genuflect position and pointed toward the direction of the door.

“Yes, about that matter, while it’s imprudent of me, we will invite your subjects into the throne room.”

“Starting from us the 4 Evil Heavenly Kings, the 7 Beasts of Calamity, and the 13 Devil Generals, all of us were eagerly awaiting for your return, Princess.”

Mikoto happily added the words. Although I reply them with a composed nod, my head is full of questions.

The 4 Evil Heavenly Kings? The 7 Beasts of Calamity?? The 13 Devil Generals??? …What was that?

Ten’gai gracefully served his hand, I feel my hand drawn into his and he escorts me gently from the coffin like he was handling a fragile object. When I stepped down to the floor, Mikoto approached and quickly retrieved a comb and skillfully started to comb my long hair.

“Well then princess, shall we visit it?”

Saying so, Ten’gai lead us out of the room while Mikoto followed from behind so that I left the room being sandwiched between those two. I seem calm but on the inside, I am shivering and likely about to piss myself. With that dona dona feeling of a cow or pig being taken into a slaughterhouse, I begin to walk blindly into the broad corridor.

Prologue 3

Splash splash splash —Hot water spews vigorously from the mouth of the lion statue at the four cardinal points.

How did it come to this…?

Within the cloud of steam, sitting down on the stepped marble at the edge of bath, I submerged my waist-under into the hot water in a hip bath manner. Well, to talk about myself… *my skin is white yet complex* (It was pretty hard to adjust this skin color during character creation!), the same as yuki (snow) from my name, Hiyuki (Scarlet Snow). While dropping my line of sight on this slender figure, I realize that I was asking a question to myself an unknown number of times.

Back then I thought that I was going straight into the throne room, but instead I was brought into the bathroom.

At first I was not able to comprehend it. The hallway width, the length, the detail of design; they differ greatly compared to what it was inside the game, although there is a resemblance in the design. Anyway, I thought 'The size at best is about the size of a school', but the scale of this castle is splendorous to the extent that it made the Versailles Palace looks like a dog house and it easily fit into 23 wards.

Therefore, since I was brought over here earlier, I was unable to grasp this place is the throne room or the bath. While I stood dumbfounded, Mikoto stripped me nude in the blink of eye (The top and bottom underwear, my final line of defense was easily slipped off eh.. unlike in the game) and guided me into the bath.

Somehow after all of that she said "Since it had been a long sleep Princess, you need take a bath and change your clothes right?" —However.. you should consider saying it earlier! You don't know how to be considerate at all! That was what I wanted to shout on the spot, but it's scary to mess with her so of course I wouldn't say it no matter what.

“—That’s right. It’s time to relax myself after such a long time huh?”

To conceal my fearful mind, I walked toward the bath (Although I called that, the white hall made me think ‘What kind of temple is this?’ since it used a plentiful of marble) by myself alone… well I tried to, but finally my patience was at its limit so I turned around and asked a question.

“…Why did you come along too?!”

The person in question — or more precisely this Tengai dragon, for a moment made a blank expression, being completely nude without being embarrassed, he replied honestly.

“Of course, to help you bathe, Princess?”

“……”

…Well… for some reason I knew it. While I was being stripped, there was an additional rustle sound off to the side. Then he appeared standing by Mikoto completely nude, and when I walked out, he came to accompany me.

But it isn’t normal right?! I still understand if a Maid or Mikoto accompanied me to the bath. However, normally when a very young girl (Not me, I’m talking about Hiyuki!) goes to a bath, something like a young, muscular man accompanying her is improbable right?!

Even if I am not Agnes-san, I am sure she will say ‘stop’ somewhere!

“…No, I don’t need you. I mean, it’s embarrassing!”

After I bluntly reply like that, Tengai laughs out loud.

“Hahaha, what is it now at this late hour? Isn’t bathing with Princess a daily ritual?

That was when you were in the dragon form! Besides, it was because soaking in the hot water here for 1 minute gave a 3% auto HP recovery bonus, and a 15% all elemental resistance bonus for 30 minutes, and I just bring in pets with me before going to battle!!

I want to make some noises by stamping my feet as hard as I can, but no matter what it’s pointless right~.

How should I put it, it was an anger toward a humble act. Besides, if he gets angry at me, I will die.

“Come come, taking forever in this dressing room will made your body cold, please make your way toward the bathroom.”

While wondering what should I do, my shoulder was pushed by Tengai. Uwaaaah. When I felt his skin on my shoulder, my whole body went numb…or rather my hips seemed to become looser. Remaining like that, I was escorted toward the bath.

“Well then, excuse me for being rude—”

I finally sit down on the steps of the bath. The only other one who is present is the rude naked man knelling down in the hot water. Although I want to avoid seeing it as much as possible, what is with that size, is it a beer bottle? Furthermore he is shaking some bottle filled with something with both hands, and it’s foaming… aah, its body soap.

Since a bath towel with soap could damage my skin, washing with your palms is the best right~…

As I absent-mindedly escaped from reality, the moment when his hand touch my body,

“Aahyaa…!!”

Although I reflexively raised my lovely voice, Tengai just care-freely asked “Are there any itchy places, Princess?” with an ignorant face.

That feeling from the end of my hair and the tip of my toes, on top of that my belly button and up to the interior part that even I still not check it yet, all of it was being kneaded thoroughly. In the end I feel like I became a rape victim. Unconsciously, I finally sob inside the bath.

After I leave the bathroom feeling dizzy, Mikoto was there waiting for me. In her hand, there a dress which resembles the design from the dress earlier, even so the skirt is more spacious. She made me wear it. Finally, this time we faced toward the throne room.

End of prologue

Suplemetary – Eternal Horizon Online

Kyuuketsu Hime Supplementary – 'Eternal Horizon Online'

Since there are a request (TL: at syosetu toward the author of course haha) regarding 'Eternal Horizon Online', here the brief summary of it.

It is not a VRMMORPG; instead it's a common MMORPG.

The MMORPG purely developed within the country, several company join together to develop it.

>Formal name is 'Eternal Horizon Online' (Alias 'EHO', 'Ethor')

>The concept is called 'Infinity way of play', the concept isn't particularly original but the degree of freedom is high so a player could play in various kind of way. Currently, it's active for 5 year.

>A world with medieval Europe style where human, ajin, beast, giant, and demon live with monster lurking around the place. There are dungeons in various places and although one could have a typical view about this world but there is no conflict between races (Although once upon a time there was supposed to be conflict and discrimination). Currently, all parties were made a non-aggression pact.

>It's basically FREE, although there a system of item with bill (tl:item mall), it doesn't mean one buy a powerful weapon using the bill so one can enjoy the game without the bill at all.

>For the advantage of bill item, there are some of item that increase experience point, item that skipping the production process requirement, and those that reflect the character appearance.

>As for the example, first if one wants to play the game they have to DL it. A player could made 2 character inside 1 account (Even protagonist made a sub char but he greatly neglect it). Then, like what was previously mentioned, there are 9 choice that could be selected: Human, Ajin (Elves, Dwarves, Hobbit), Beast

man (Werewolf, Ware cat, Ware rabbit), and giant.

>Here applies the bill item of ‘Random race’. Using it, with a low probability of success (about 0.2-0.5% chance) other race (In the scope that was already confirmed: Dragon, angel, vampire (If female char its vampire princess), variety of fox spirit) can be selected (Just by few tries, the protagonist miraculously able to select vampire princess).

>The character making have a high degree of freedom. Height, weight, age, and such thing of ‘3 sizes’ could be set in detail. During this time by using bill item, it’s possible add more type such as part of face and hairstyle (Noted that if the character is too resemble with the human, the Japanese find it quite unpleasant, so part of it based from popular illustrator, the illustration being processed smoothly as it is to do natural behavior). By the way, Hiyuki setting is 13 years old, 143cm, 34kg, BWH=74,50,76 (TL: Yes, the author is clearly write 34 kg if you didn’t believe)

>Player start playing at the time they were registering as ‘Adventurer’ in ‘The Free City of Adhoc’

>At this point, everyone is ‘No Job (Novice)’, but some of the individual have a particular skill from the start (This is totally random) and all special race have unique skill (For vampire princess ‘The Evil Eye’, it double the pet capture rate than normal).

>It possible to capture the MOB with item except for some (It won’t possible unless one drop its opponent HP below half), but since there a probability drop by the negative relationship with the level of mob, it impossible to capture the mid and later mob without using bill item. Also, among the captured mob there rare individual that hold a rare unique skill, it won’t possible to determine the difference unless it was being appraised. It’s possible to capture BOSS in normal field or dungeon, but if one doesn’t use bill item,the capture is impossible to begin with.

>Although the title is automatically granted according to quest and achievements, in regard of top rank celebrity within the game, there also title that granted from the admin on its own accord for fun (Hiyuki’s Tenjoutenga (Elegant Miss of the Sky) and others like Dokudansenkou (One man army),

Jijyujiboku (Caught by own trap), Jyuoumujin (Beast king without blade)), such person by half in jest have mentioned in something like ‘The court rank holder’.

>As the player level reach 99, it’s possible to reincarnated into advance grade of race, but reincarnating have to restart the level from 1. In case of vampire princess, the grade: vampire princess→vampire princess(true ancestor)→vampire princess(founder ancestor)→vampire princess(god ancestor). Aside from the increase in ability base, other thing is reduction of HP and MP penalty during the day, decrease weapon damage from vulnerable attribute of silver and light (God ancestor is almost none, more or less compared to additional damage from other attribute).

>Since the game have a severe collision detection (in reverse, if weak point getting hit, the critical is high) there no auto lock function. Every attack applied is necessary to use own eyes, so to some extent a lot of people were not using the normal monitor, they equip the clear HMD (Head Mounted Display) to give them more visibility. It is a mainstream to play in 1st person point of view.

Episode 1 – The Round Table

That day, the Scarlet Jade castle covered up by everlasting darkness boiled in excitement for the first time in one hundred years.

—Her highness has come back! We your lowly subjects pay respect to our supreme lord, who is equal with God!

—Her highness has come back! We offer our flesh and soul to the greatest, most beautiful princess of all time!!

—Her highness has come back! We the demons of the 'Imperial Crimson' kingdom will once again fight for its glorious days!!!

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I have various kinds of regret.

…Why did I have such hobby back then?

Well originally from the start, the unique skill as a vampire princess 'evil eye' was able to eliminate the will to attack from the target, and could be used whether they were player or MOBs (success rates differ with the level difference from the target). However, it was discovered that it influenced the MOB capture chance, so I got carried away and tried to completely capture every MOB possible within the game.

Next, I took a side glance at Mikoto's face who standing back next to the throne.

She was the first one I finally hit in a gacha, an SR seraph pet. I was so lucky that I jumped in triumph, since then I always played gacha since I might get a pet as a prize.

By mistake in the gulcha (guild chat), because I spilled the fact that my bill had piled up until the limit and also that my personal inventory that overflowing with pets, the gulmen (guild member) became elated since they already maxed their level and didn't know what to do in their spare time.

So, before I knew it they had entirely assembled the 36 pieces of the ‘Sky Garden’ blueprint fragments that drop once a while from the mobs of the ancient civilization ruins named “The Scrap Garden” in order to return it to its original state.

From there, the required material (It said that you were required to gather 20 different kinds of extremely rare materials that were only acquired from a percent chance of treasure chests and minerals, which was so extreme that a group with about 10 max level people were totally wiped out in the middle of it by a boss mob in the area called ‘Dimension Labyrinth’) in fact, it needs 50 pieces per type. That, I could say, was a masochistic act!

So as for myself, I also participated in the material gathering in the surrounding area. I brought machine craftsman and alchemists that were scattered around the world to the sennin place, where I made them take the mission quest, and finally asked them to process the material. Once in a while the material processing failed so I still had to carry out the material gathering… Yeah, I was enjoying it during the process so I am not denying that I was worked up with it.

Then finally, all of sudden the sky garden was completed in under 4 months!

I am not boasting about it, however in the guild that I was in, ‘Calico Cat Trail’, all of its member have already reincarnated three times, it also had 5 people who hold the ‘Court Rank’ special title so I can say within the server there was not a single high level player who didn’t know of us.

But even so, it’s 4 month! …Well for all the good times spent the gulmen were fine with it. At the time when the magic formation changed into a floating island, to be honest I was filled deeply with emotion.

As gulmen next to me keep chanting ‘BALSE!’ ‘BALSE!‘ continuously, I noticed I received the ownership of ‘The Sky Garden’ by the admin, so I was given that damn embarrassingly title of Tenjoutenga (Elegant Miss of the Sky). I got ranked up to the ‘Court Rank’, and my name was being spilled all over at the global chat. Although it made me think ‘What kind of public rape is this?!’…

Moreover after that, the gulmen were so excited that the island had been transformed into a dark fortress city sort of thing like an artist doing whatever he

pleases on a “demon mod”.

As for me, I was granted personal use of the storeroom on the island, and thanks to that the total limit of my storage had become close to 2000 units. That was definitely the best thing to come from this out everything. On top of that, there were 100 spots to display captured pets all around the castle and island, so I crazily collected rare pets more and more because I wanted them to be displayed. That somehow made my friends call the place ‘Demon Lord Castle’ or ‘Monster Island’ but I let the matter pass.

Yes, if there was a time machine so I could fix this, I would be able to complain about this matter of mine.

Now that I understand what kind of situation I have gotten into, I absolutely won’t collect these high level monsters and boss class monsters at all————!!!

As I sit down on ‘The Throne of Supreme Ruler’ (A showy thing that was decorated with gold and gems, which was a furniture billing item), cold sweat drips down from my head. While I view rows of monster forces that stand side by side before my eyes, I’m screaming inside.

And then, there a small repeated upper arm sound at my side sending me a signal. When I take a look, Tengai gives me a faint wink.

Aah, I have to make some kind of speech here.

…What should I do? I wonder what kind of good important sounding speech I should give. I don’t know any type of speech like that.. oh well, from the beginning I had wanted to finish this fast and go to bed to sleep.

No, I have to do it properly…

“——Everyone, this is such a big ceremony!!”

Hmm? I didn’t make a mistake in my speech right???

“MILADY————————!!!!!”

All monsters bow their head all at once. Among them, there were some who put so much strength in their heads that they hit the floor, making a crack on it.

…This building was supposed to be an item that is impossible to break, I wonder if it is repairable now.

I try to keep thinking those trivial things, however, Tengai looks over all those monsters and then opens his mouth in satisfaction.

“Her highness, the princess, has granted you the honor to bow to her. Everyone, raise your faces!”

At that moment without a single mistake, all the monsters rose their faces up.

Uwawawawawawah. S-scary〜〜〜〜〜!!!

Well, I do see that there’s some familiarity from their faces. After all, those monsters were the pets that I had captured.
There also a nostalgic feeling from their faces, but well… the front of the grizzly bear that faced me now with the bear doll back then is different?

On the game screen, they were cutely following *chokochoko* behind Hiyuki. But now, if I meet any of them when walking along the streets at night, I will faint from the fright.

To make the matter worse——

For testing, I try to look on the status of Demon Eye High Priest who had relatively low stats back then among them.

Race: Demon Eye High Priest
Name: Kokonoe
Owner: Hiyuki
HP : 6,255,000
MP : 7,780,000
▼

“……”

Even though it appears that way, he was a small fish type. The rest are mostly nothing but boss class monsters.
It seems the ones that are part of this round table all have no pet limiter on them.

Even if I wasn’t present right now, it shouldn’t be a problem right…?

That is what I am thinking, but maybe I just don’t know. They were staring me with a deep emotion feeling, “Oooh, its Hime-sama” “She really has returned”

“Her beauty is unchanging” “How shining” “I’m able to meet her again”, there were even those among them who had burst into tears.

Then, to the left side of the throne, stood the dark knight, Kokuyou. *Shan!* — He dropped the rod shaped spear that he held onto the floor. Next to him stood the nine tail fox, Utsuho, holding a folding fan in her hand. While pointing her fan to everyone there, she made a rebuke.

“All of you in here should be Demon Commanders of this glorious round table, and yet you are all undisciplined like children. You stand before Hime-sama! Can you not dignify your appearances just a bit?”

That dialogue raises the tension in the room again.

…No no, I am fine with that warm and fuzzy from before. That was relieving a bit of my tension you see!

“Well then gentleman, our supreme ruler of this glorious round table has returned. With this, our long time of uncertainty has ended. The glory and honor of our kingdom ‘The Imperial Crimson’ will once again be known throughout the entire world even to the ignorant plebs!!”

“OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOH!!!

Everyone cheered from that extreme speech from Tengai, the shock made me fall down from the throne so I placed my arm on the armrest. Due to the recoil I have stepped down to the floor.

At that moment, everyone concentrated their gazes on me with a fully ama…… zing expectation.

…T-this means, if I am not able to perform something here, it’s going to cause an outrage right?

I can’t just stay still like this, I guess I can’t quit…eh.
Oh… well whatever, I will just imitate Tengai’s speech.

“——Stand, all of you! Be with me; raise your voice of triumph to victory!!”

In that moment, the kneeling monsters raise up all at once,

“UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOH

Just now they yelled at twice their normal volume.

“———————”

…—Gasp, I suddenly came back to myself. Somehow for several seconds, I fainted while standing with my eyes open.

Of course when my consciousness returned, I was unable to stand up and dropped my hips at once back onto the throne.

End

Author Notes

By the way, dark knight Kokuyou was a boss drop item (low %chance) from the limited event of ‘The Revival of Dark Emperor’.

Also for the nine tail fox Utsuho, she was a limited pet presented for the holder of 1st rank in weekly seasonal event.

Those two, in total with Tengai and Mikoto, composed the 4 evil heavenly kings.

As for what special of those four? they were all an extremely rare pet, almost not even one could be obtained again. For that reason, assuming if their name will be like ‘Sora’ or ‘Jikan’, it didn’t really have a visual from the name theme.

Episode 2 – Groping in the dark

"UOOOOOOOOOOH, LONG LIVE THE PRINCESS-!!"
"THE GLORY OF THE IMPERIAL CRIMSON!!"
"VICTORY FOR OUR SUPREME LORD HIYUKI!!"

""——VICTORY!!""

Various cheers vibrated around the throne. Finally, it settled down one by one.

…Why are those demon commanders so easily influenced like this?!

By the time I realized it, the situation was already out of *control* (Well, from the beginning I didn't even try to control it), someone approached me when I was still far from recovering myself.

"As expected from the Princess, what a stunning speech" Mikoto smiled ecstatically.

"Oh what a composed figure. Even before so many demon commanders there's not even a single flinch of eyebrow. As one would expect from my only master who I deem worthy"
Utsuho, who conceals her mouth with a folding fan smiled in a coquettish manner.

"……"
I arbitrarily diverted my gaze.
I made that speech with my soul, and then I half fainted afterwards… I won't ever tell anyone about this no matter what.

Then before I knew it, those demons commanders began to discuss dangerous topics such as… What country is gonna fall first? Who is gonna be the first one who thrusts his spear? How much of the population that are we gonna preserve?

They should be stopped, but well, when the like of these guys get lumped together, even the 'Eternal Horizon Online' top level players going on an all-out war won't be able to possibly stop them!

In that case, the more realistic approach is to defeat them by pinpointing their

leader….And if I think about it, that leader is me, so it's a FAIL huh!?

But no matter how I think about it, I'm at a loss you see?!

How should I put it, something is wrong with their logic!

Our lord has revived after a long time of absence.
Great! The country will be able to function as before.
Then let's rage a grand war to conquer the world!!

…it's strange right!? How did they suddenly come to that kind of conclusion?!?

"You are making a difficult face, are you having a trouble, Princess?"

"—Well, I just wish for an explanation you see"

Spilling my innermost thought poured hard on Tengai, who approached to ask me about my worried face.

Surprised, Tengai put his face on his knee.

"It's inexcusable of me. I was so overjoyed by your revival that I have forgotten about the crucial explanation. I'm willing to receive any kind of punishment to take responsibility"

"Leave your apology behind, go ahead with the explanation" please —talking in panic I gulped down the last word.

Tengai was taken aback in surprise, he turned towards those demon generals who were inside *the heated discussion* (By the way, with flame and rocks and magic circles flying around, the discussion was already too late to be stopped by words).

"KEEP QUIET YOU FOOL, YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRINCESS!!"
One thunderous roars that literally generated a thunder.

…If this is a direct hit I will die instantly.

Only just by the wave, not less than 3 percent of my HP was completely shaved off as I checked the situation, I silently cast heal on myself. My life force on this spot is my precocious torch after all.

In addition, those monsters received several percentage of damage, they must had been taken the direct hit. I think because of that, their discussion was put

into the water. They reluctantly sank into silence.

“Gentlemen, the fact that I have invited you all here is to smoothly discuss things regarding the princess’ resurrection, and to deliver an explanation about our current…no, the situation within the Scarlet Jade Castle to our Princess, who had just been resurrected”

After he said so, Tengai moved to top of the floor several steps down in front of the throne, he made a genuflecting stance there and bowed to me.

“Well then Princess, although it’s insolent of me, Princess had suddenly turned to sleep 100 years ago. Regarding the present day’s situation, allow me to explain”

100 years huh… In human’s sense that’s a quite splendid age, but I wonder how it is in this world’s typical sense?

“During Princess’ sleep, we, your subjects used all kinds of our magic, I also even made you drink every medicine that existed inside the castle but still, there was no sign of an effect at all—”

“….Wait a minute. By what means did you make me who was lying on the bed drink?”

“Forgive my impoliteness but, I had to conduct mouth to mouth feeding”

“……”

It, it can’t be helped right? It was that time of crisis, like that of an artificial respiration, besides, it was fortunate that my partner was a sexy guy….

—So as I was thinking about that point of time, I had a feeling like some important thing that remained inside my mind was making a scrapping sound as it was being shaved off.

“Next, as Princess went into the deep sleep, the Scarlet Jade Castle also went afloat above the clouds”

Well basically something about that it can’t be controlled except by the owner, for example even if the guild members—

“Are the other guild members…like Lubbock-san and Tamegoro-san not present?”

I gave those two the title of guild sub master.

“Those god-like people? Unfortunately, no. On the contrary not only using warp circle, but also warp magic, and on top of that, even flying to escape had become impossible”

The monsters who could use warp and traveling magic agreed with his speech. Leaving that aside, the monsters who could easily leap through the air turned in their view regarding the matter.

According to them, from the start it had nothing to do with curse magic that was cast on the Scarlet Jade Castle, as it was possible to warp around within the sky garden, but the magic itself couldn’t be invoked when they tried to go to any other places.

According to them, when flying away from the Scarlet Jade castle, they were swallowed by the darkness that encircled the sky garden so before they knew it, they ended up returning to their original place (it even seemed impossible for Tengai to break through it).

So by that, they gave up on escaping from the sky garden. To convey what purpose had remained, a possible 86,789 demon (With the same type of demon, the warehouse was able to store 99 inside 1 slot, so there was a considerable number of what resided inside the warehouse, but it appeared that all of them were currently freed from there) gathered to discuss together, and it seems the result was the establishment of the demon’s temporary government, the round table, with the post of the 4 evil heavenly kings, the 7 beasts of calamity, and the 13 demon generals.

Still, in regard of me who had fallen asleep for 100 years counted to this year, it seemed like a very unusual phenomenon had happened.
So with the strength they had, the demons forcibly forced through the darkness, so I heard that they were able to rush out into the outside world.

However, what they saw there was—

“…It’s different. The type of demon, the country, and the terrain from what we know”

Thus by performing several inquiries, the round table drew its conclusion.

This is the world that has a falsely similarity with the world that we know of.

(End of chapter 2)

Author Notes

I think people who familiar with it will known from the story content, but just for your information, the guild master of Calico Cat Footsteps is the protagonist.

And then, about ‘The Seventh Beast of Calamity’, they were individuals who by chance held abilities stronger than average boss, coming out from the result of strengthen specific normal MOB, so to call ‘veteran soldier’.

‘The Thirteen Demon General’ was dungeon bosses from the start, they were like ‘elite soldier’.

Episode 3 Boy and Girl

“Shit, this fucking dog!”

A boy was swinging a sword with all his might; it slightly hit the body of the wild dog. But due to its thick fur, the sword was hampered down so the dog dodged it just before the impact, giving it no damage. The boy closed their distance again.

“——Guaah!!”

The boy took aim on the dog with a disarrayed posture somewhere in front of him, but there was also a dog behind him that he had neglected, and it came to bite the boy’s ankle.

“Uwaah——!?”

Luckily the fang missed thanks to his thick boot, it prevented him from getting injured, but the opponent remained, biting it and trying to tear the boot by shaking it more and more.

Even while being shaken off by him, the dog wouldn’t release it…then he suddenly realized, in a hurry he gripped the sword with his hand and stabbed the dog in the back, this time the dog from not too long ago jumped and aimed for his defenseless neck.

“Uwaah…!?!”

By spontaneously bending back his posture, he reflexively shielded himself with the sword so that he was able to stop the dog’s fang, however he was being pressed down hard in this broken posture, more and more he was falling down with the wild dog putting its weight on him.

“…Hiii!!”

Now that it has become like this, he was about to be tormented to death. Those two wild dogs opened their deep red mouths——In that moment, for some reason both of them separated from the top of the boy’s body like being snapped. They turned to look hesitantly on the surrounding area, then at the

moment when they stared blankly above,
“——Kyang?!”
Together with cries of misery the dogs ran away from the spot with their tail curling up.

“…I, I was saved…?”

He muttered so while he remained facing up as he was dumbfounded, in the next instant the top of the boy’s body was covered by a big shadow.

“A wyv…wyvern?! N, no…It, it’s an ancient dragon”

Visible from the distant was not that sort of wyvern dragon that was being rode on at the capital. It was huge, shining in a gold-colour and it possessed 4 limbs—To the extent that it could swallow the likes of wyvern in one gulp, a really huge king of demon beasts.

The glance from its golden pupil captured the boy’s figure, the boy got goosebumps and opened his eyes wide, this time he was completely unable to stand due to fear,
“——Hi, hiiiiiiii!!”
He threw away the sword that he was holding, and on his wit’s end curled up like a pill bug. ——In that moment he felt a figure appearred on the top of the ancient dragon, but it was probably just a hallucination due to his excessive fear.

“……”

However, nothing happened no matter how long he waited, and it didn’t seem like there was a change in the surroundings either.

By any chance was I saved…?

So he thought, and slowly he began to stretch out his head like a turtle to take a peep at the surrounding view. From behind the boy’s body, a girl’s voice that was as clear as a chime was heard.

“Hey you there, an NPC? You can’t be a player right?”

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An odd girl.
That was the boy’s——a novice adventurer named Joey who had become 15

years old's —— impression about that girl.

He turned his head and looked toward the source of that incomprehensible question,

"….a goddess of the moon"
He spontaneously spilled those words from his mouth, there stood an unbelievably beautiful girl.

Her pure white skin was without a single stain like it was covered in dissolved moonlight, her long black hair further down from her waist was like it was enhanced by the dark night and the stars by its glamour, when it came to her small face build, it made the most beautiful girl in a yearly festival that he decided to attend looked like nothing but a pumpkin or a scarecrow.
What he read in those fairy tales, something that was described as 'peerless' or 'siren' couldn't even express this. Her face was so beautiful to the extent that he gulped down his breath.

"—When I'm being complimented directly like that, it's quite embarrassing, you know"

Smiling with her whole face, her thin fingers stretched to the side of her face in embarrassment. Towards the girl's gesture Joey finally realized the one in front of him was a real living person, he suddenly regained his sanity. Slowly, he stood up from the ground, he picked up his dropped sword and sheathed it, and he lightly patted his body to remove the clinging dirt and sand, this time he calmly turned toward the girl.

She appeared to be around 10-12 years old. What she was wearing was something of a first class which the price couldn't be guessed, the black dress from her knee decorated with magnificent red rose corsairs were as if the flower was alive.
In fact the arrangement was mysteriously perfect with this girl, her hair band and pure white shock, even her black loafers which were attached with a rose decoration.

Several parts of the dress were shining and were decorated obviously not by a glass sphere, but by some kind of gem, no matter how one looked at it.
Held in her hand was, an excellent parasol arranged with plentiful frills. No

matter how, her appearance was that of a locked-up princess who shouldn't have been in a place like this.

Out of place.

Just a single word couldn't be enough to describe her. To describe her, there had to be various words that he could say, but he left that aside, right now there was something that he wanted to confirm apart from that.

"He, heey, wasn't there a golden colored ancient dragon flying just now?!"

Because of that sentence for some reason the girl was in panic for a moment,
"—Aah, that. Looked like somehow it flew away in an instant, that was so dreadful right?~"
On the way she pointed, pyoooooh~, there was not a single thing in the empty distance.

"…I…I see…I was saved…"

Joey vented a big relieved sigh, for some reason the girl was making a curious look.

"Hmmm, looks like his reaction isn't different from an ordinary person's. So he really isn't an AI huh…"

She uttered something while nodded in consent.

In a different way Joey was being treated as an 'ordinary person', therefore for some reason he got annoyed,
"For your information, I am a professional adventurer. Don't consider me the same as an ordinary person"
He uttered it while puffed in pride.

Hereupon, the girl, completely changed into one full of amazement, looked at the boy with sparkling eyes like that of a child.
"Heee, an adventurer! It's amazing to see a real adventurer directly"

Unexpectedly the girl was really into it, so in a good mood Joey brought out his guild badge from his pocket to show it.
"That's right. This thing is a badge that proves that I am an adventurer"

It's unknown why he suddenly brought that out, but what were written on the

thin metal board were Joey's full name and membership, and something like a level, the girl checked it with her own eyes as if she was taking the bait.

"Joey Aland. 15 years old. Aara city adfend…Oh, Aara city adventurer guild member, right? F rank. Ken… Its swordsman(剣士ken ->sword) not a rock paper scissorman(拳ken -> rock paper scissor) right, since you hold a sword. No record of punishment history. Uh it's hard to read if it's only using hiragana and katakana——Why doesn't it use kanji?"

"What is a kanji?"

"…It's a well-known symbol to separate words into different meanings"
Somehow the girl made a sigh seeing his complicated face.

"-Oh well let's just forget it. Aah, forgive me for the long talk. It's my fault that I was hindering your work, I guess it is time for me to leave"

The girl quickly lowered her head a little and turned back, Joey stopped her in a panic.

"W, wait a minute. Where will you go from here?"

"Of course the town, isn't it? Back then from above…ah, no, from a distance on that direction the town could be seen, for the time being I will go there"

With an oblivious face she directed the tip of her parasol toward the Aara city, while the girl was spreading her parasol, but no matter how it looked like, the girl looked defenseless so Joey was greatly perplexed.

If she is going from here on by foot by following the sunset trail it should be a good way to reach it.
No, in the first place the girl has such a beautiful face and is wearing an expensive dress, she can't possible reach it by walking alone.

Surely something like bandits will come up; rogue and criminal will be after her everywhere.
When that group of people sees her, before the girl's eyes, they will be lured to assault her, she's like a walking board with 'please kidnap me' written on it.

Joey still hadn't completed his request so he was worried about it for a moment, but with a determination he shook off his hesitation.

“….Yup, that enough. Let me escort you!”

Not getting the meaning of the words that he declared, the girl cutely titled her head.

Episode 4 – Escort Mission

Episode 4 Escort Request

On the Joey 'Escort' proposal, the girl pointed towards a straight path with a clear wheel track which remained.

"Well thank you but, I am not some child, I believe I wouldn't get lost"

"I don't mean it like that… Or rather, no matter how I look, aren't you a child? You're still around 11 years old"

By that word for some reason the girl expressing a complicated bitter smile.

"….I am more or less 13 years old, you see"

"—Eh, is that so? My, my bad"

Girls around this age have various rate of growth, so it's very hard to judge at this point of time. For example, a girl that is presently 15 years old would be mad when she was mistaken for a 13 years old.

Grasping the meaning of the girl's expression like that, Joey meekly bows his head to apologize.

Even a man themselves want to overreach around that age. Not to mention how a girl who's 13 years old, in the village where Joey was born, they already married and had a kid or so…

The moment when he thought so, his chest is throbbing fast.

(That's right, she not a kid anymore, then she's around the age where she could marry)

Instantly he's conscious of it, the girl charming lips, her modest breasts, her slender legs; so he undoes his locked gaze in a big hurry. Joey then tries to warn her in an easy way.

"You see, I know you're obviously some kind of rich young lady, but if you're really walking alone like this, what kind of guys will get yourself involved with, and then you like…meeting some unpleasant things. That's why I will escort you

til the town”

“Aah, Indeed. The like who would kidnap me, kill me, and bury me, those kinds of guys right?”

The girl seems to easily understand the meaning of Joey’s cloudy words, and then she looks at Joey’s face with curious-like expression.

“But, is that fine? Judging from your appearance you are still empty handed, aren’t you in the middle of a job?”

“….Its fine. After all, the wild dog extermination plan is completely out of place, I didn’t consider that there were 2 of them so I didn’t make any necessary preparation.—In the first place, it feels uneasy leaving you out here!”

Hearing the word that he shouted while turning his face away to hide his embarrassment, the girl was astonished for a moment, then she smiles delightfully.

“You—are Joey-kun right? What a good fellow you are”

“—Wh, what are you talking about! Aren’t you just making fun of me?!”

“I don’t have any intention to do so, but I apologize if I was hurting you… However, I would feel bad if I just took advantage of your good will. —Hmmmm, in that case as a job, can’t I ask you to escort me to the town and show me around? If possible, I want to see the adventurer’s guild”

“A job, huh…”

“Eh? By any chance, is a direct work request like this a ‘NG’?”

“Well, although it wasn’t reflected on guild point, there was no any particular rule that prohibits it. But in case of situation like this, it’s usually done with payment in advance, moreover it normally has an extra charge in comparison with usual requests…”

This is natural, considering Joey just only became an F rank who graduated from G rank when he still an apprentice, he doesn’t know the usual reward rate for an escort request nor does he know the extra charge rate, so he can’t decide how much of a reward he would take.

But on the girl’s side Joey’s indecisive attitude was that he must be worrying

about ‘Could she really pay?’.

There’s a rustling sound from her waist at the back (it wasn’t her big ribbon decoration, instead it seems it’s a pouch), she was taking out several coins.

“Then how about this?”

“Silver coin?”

He was being handed over a thin silver object (it’s big with the size 3 times than that of a normal silver coin), he take a look on it properly and it shine in a rainbow color, it doesn’t even look like money.

“A mere rainbow coin won’t do it, huh—. Then, I wonder if this type of gold coin is fine”

Said so, she placed 10 gold coins on the top of Joey palm.

“…I never saw a gold coin. Can it be used?”

Even though Joey gripping on the gold coin, usually he only received silver and cooper coins from the person at guild counter, so he only can observe it with his best ability while sighing.

“I wonder? At worst, perhaps you have to sell it out by melting it down into precious metal. In case you need money at that time, I guess you could sell this ingot?

Saying so, she picking something up again with her hand, from there she shown drawing a gold bar with about the size of an adult man’s upper hand.

Seeing that, the boy made a complex face.

“—Wa, wait a minute! That, could it be, a magic item that doesn’t change its weight and size even you put something in!?”

“That’s right. —Aah I see, you can have this too”

“Hey, that’s a fortune! That alone could be used to purchase the best residence in town!”

“Hee, it’s surprisingly an expensive object huh. —Well but yeah, this was quite a lot of money to have”

“That’s right. Don’t simply show it in public. Good grief, you’re really

dangerous if you're not being watched. Truly some kind of princess you are.

To be called with 'Princess', somehow she smiles like mocking herself, while on it,

"—Aah, come to think of it, I haven't given any self-introduction yet. My name is 'Hiyuki', so please take care of me, Joey-kun"

The girl hold the hem of her skirt with both hand, and performs a light courtesy (a greeting that is performed by pulling a knee behind and shortly bend the other knee).

Inside of Joey heart went throbbing hard because of her elegant manner, he changes his body's direction at once so his red face couldn't be seen, he start to walk straight into a big tree about 500 m away.

"Hiyuki huh. Aah, I feel funny when being called 'Joey-kun' so Joey is fine. —Well Hiyuki, I have tied my emu on that tree so let's walk there a bit"

"An emu?"

Hiyuki who doesn't know the word titled her head in confusion; she comes to follow Joey in a halfhearted resistance,

"…well, you will understand when you see it"

Being told so, she begins to takes a pace in her steps.

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『Princess, even if you don't hire that kind of rude youngster, wouldn't I be enough to keep a single injury from your precious body?』

At that moment besides me, him —Of course not, Ten'gai was making his annoyed voice from inside of me.

During a fight, by combining with a body of pet, one would be granted with the pet's status and attributes, so called the 'Pet Unison' feature.

However, previously the status bonus at best is only up to 3 percent, if I am not wrong, but currently my status is,

Race: Vampire Princess (God Ancestor)

Name: Hiyuki

Title: Tenjoutenga (Elegant Miss of the Sky)

HP: 61,312,800(+61,234,800)

MP : 53,841,500(+53,746,000)

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Is this some kind of Zimbabwe dollar? It was inflated so much! (ed: LOL)

How should I put it, with this, have I not been completely overwritten by Golden Dragon (Naga Raja) status?

Such thing of my status, *it's far from fragile like a paper and even more like that of a tissue*, but whenever I combine or not, I feel indifferent about it, you see!?"

I mean, since I already know about this feature, the status difference with its original is too much, now it's scary that I can't even shoot magic.

At this level, if I use a fire ball from the basic offensive flame magic skill tree, it becomes a level that is exceedingly dangerous, let alone *'That now wasn't a Kafrizzle, it's just a frizz'*, right now is *'That now wasn't a hydrogen bomb, it's just a grenade'.*

That's why as much as possible, I don't want to use my ability (Although so, traveling together with Ten'gai in this reconnaissance is the worst thing ever) so that I can finish this matter as peacefully as much as possible, however I unexpectedly get in touch with Joey who I just happen to see. I guess Ten'gai was sulking because it's like I didn't place trust in his own strength.

If after he sulks something like, 'Look on my ability in action here!', happens and then he does as he pleases, this region will be perish in one night! If I just follow along, soon I am going to run down from the hill and perhaps will, on its way, go to the path of the demon king at full speed.

This is where no matter what it takes, I have to not hurt Ten'gai's pride, I can't plainly settle it.

『Of course, Ten'Gai, I fully have faith in your ability and loyalty. Nevertheless, I wouldn't gain benefits if I didn't associate with people. Although this is selfish of me, wouldn't you get on with it?』

『…I had said something imprudent. My apologies, Princess. The like of me wouldn't able to conjure Princess' farsighted and deeply-laid out plan, first of all, I am apologizing to the utmost limit for my dis-respectfulness. —In brief, it wasn't to employ that youngster as an escort, it's just simply…』

Somehow able to understand it, Ten'gai's voice regains its composure.

『Yea. It's my own personal reason——』

『An emergency feeder (food), eh』

…huh?!

『Which reminds me, Princess still hasn't taken a meal (sucking blood) from the time when you had woke up. Me of all people had forgotten about it. How could I be forgiven for it?

…Well he indeed is a seedy-looking feeder (food) but, he seems a virgin and hence he would be a rare, tantalizing food.

However, if you're able to wait for it a bit, he will not be such seedy-looking youngster anymore with his virgin blood ready with an excellent taste, is it not?』

Feeder… Blood… Virgin…. Boy…

Those words were assembled inside my head one by one.

O, oh yeah, wasn't I a vampire princess!?

Talking about it, today, like the moment when I secretly flutter as I talking with Joey, to tell you the truth, when I was saw his healthy limbs my heart was throbbing hard. I thought that feeling is because I became a girl but it turned out I was wrong, is it just a mere lust for food?!

That's dangerous!!

I never thought something like that when I made my request for Joey's escort job, however being together like this is perhaps surely bad.

S, somehow I am now conscious of it, Joey's healthy nape, and the blood vessels in his limbs. I forcibly remove my fixed gaze that's directed on it.

Author Note:

By the way, the reason why Hiyuki said the item was expensive, since she was considering its value as *a gatcha fashion item*, the value of it as *a magic item* from what Joey guessed is nonexistence.

Because in the first place, someone would normally get that kind of item in the tutorial~.

TL Note:

1. *its far fragile from a paper and even more like that of a tissue :*Actually, *its far fragile from sashimi garnish and even more like that of a dandelion.* Sashimi garnish is consider something frail, but dandelion is on another level (actually, even the author had even write up what the meaning of his joke in this part) so I chance it to be more understanding into a paper and tissue.
2. *'That now wasn't a Kafrizzle, it just a frizz' :* Refer to Dragon Quest reference, actually its Mezza! but in english version of the game, its Frizz! Kafrizzle/*Merazoma* is like a huge explosion one, of course a hydrogen bomb its larger scale than this
3. 'NG' = not good or damedamedamedamedame
4. About author note if you not familiar with online gaming : Sometimes, an item with a basic function (at worst: def 1 mdef 1) will be sold at IM, what so good about them? Normally visual, and other, you will be like different from other. In case of Hiyuki, its her wallet shaped like big ribbon.

Interlude 1 – Her Loyal Subject

Author said you could skip this since it's not directly connected with the main story, this is interlude between ep4 and 5, I translated it anyway.

Still, there a suplementary material from the story.

The green man talk in old man tone, he talk more polite than his partner.

Oh yeah, I notice that I went full of retard in episode 1 when copying the story into the clouds, I was forgot to separate the author notes and the actual story so I read the notes in Hiyuki monologue, what a disaster. I have re-translated it again a bit on the last few lines in case you wonder where is it.

See you next week

At the corner of a bar room which existed in a certain place within the Scarlet Jade Castle, there was a green man (it looked like a big cactus in a glimpse, on his head ivy growed instead of hair) over 3 m in height that was accompanied by someone, there was a sword dog (ed; dog swordsman?) besides him over 2 m in height (its forehead and its back are growing curved swords that exceeded 1 m in length) who was grumbling over his mug.

"—Seriously, that skink lizard youngster, how long will he be a big shot by taking up Princess' good favor!"

"…Well it can't be helped right? From the start, that guy possessed such kind of strength, it took not only the Princess, but also the likes of god-like people and demon kings numbering at 150 people to bring him down, his ability is guaranteed. That's what charmed the princess to add that guy as one of the retainers, but how much of his assets would be of use? Probably not your unobtained knowledge"

"That's why I told you, that guy acting like he is the number one loyal subject is fucking ridiculous!"

Dang! Vigorously the sword dog placed down the mug like striking it on the table.

“Its 300 years, 300 years! We were struggling for 300 years, not even a single moment apart with the princess! And that mere youngster with only 50-60 years at best together with her got carried away, he dares to push us around!”

In this case, when it came to Hiyuki, she would possibly be troubled with the time difference within the game and the one that they recognize, but it seemed within their common sense, they had been together with her for 300 years.

“Well even so, I can’t possibly complain seeing how that guy devotes…”

“YOU, the hell are you siding with!?”

“Nah, I didn’t side with anyone…Rather, aren’t you drunk?”

“This kind of degree is still far too low to make me drunk! Apart from that aren’t you drinking too?! For quite a while I was watching and it’s not a just water right!?”

“It’s inevitable, my plant system made me immune to poison and medicine. I will probably not drunk with something like sake”

Then, a seraph who was carrying 3 mugs with both her hand——Mikoto came along.

“You two are surprisingly in a high spirits, eh, Iki-dono, Soujyu-dono”

“Mhh, it’s one of 4 evil heavenly kings, Mikoto”

Those two people stopped and stood up in a hurry, Mikoto places the mugs that she held on the top of table.

“Take it easy both of you. Our title may different, but us original 3 were similar since we joined together at the same time period. Please act freely like always.
——And the foremost one, that seven beasts of calamity which was supposed to be the nine beasts of calamity with full members began from Iki-dono until Kokonoe-dono, but both of you have regrettably declined it from the start…
Susa-dono is grieving you know, the 3 of you originate together but now it’s all ways in disarray”

“Muuh…to even talk like that. We were being elected solely because of our old age”

“…Even we have pride”

She hands over the mug that she brought to those both people who look sullen.

“Hou, this is a koumiss! Thank you”

The green man Soujyu was about to break into smiles, but in contrast, the sword dog Iki, who, so far, was standing up in the drunken scale apparently dropped down so suddenly,

“After all, we are good for nothings for failing the crucial evolution time, the like of Susa and others, those guys got a 2-3 times successful evolution difference from us. How could we go to Princess’ face?”

Said so, he gulp down the content of his mug.

“….Still about that again? Particularly even the evolution from what you said, it adds a little amount of usefulness for the abilities, so the point is the case of how a fight depends on——”

“Cut it out, you bring out the same speech again and again. We are satisfied with the current standpoint as our belief”

“Ah come to think of it. Isn’t the Princess currently taking an action above the ground?”

Toward Soujyu question, Mikoto expressing a bit of bitter smile.

“In anywhere, even this world there’s always an adventurer, sooner or later we will get in touch with a person, so how much is the strength of this world’s adventurer? In order to investigate it, she went to see the adventurer’s guild”

“…Adventurer, huh”

Iki was putting a deep emotion into his words.

“That’s right, I remember. The first time when we were picked by the princess, even princess was an adventurer”

“Yes it is, short a while after that where the 3 of us were assisting the princess…”

Each one of them recalls their own memories of that matter.

“Come to think of it…” Mikoto suddenly remembered something, and then she

continued. “Princess wants to meet both of you”

“”Wh…What?!””

Both of them simultaneously leave their seat and come to press on Mikoto.

“Pr, Princess wants to meet us?!”

“R, really? She didn’t forget about our existence?!”

“Of course. The story went like this, when I introduced the seven beast of calamity, I got asked ‘Why there is no Iki and Souju?’…”

“O, ooooooh……”

“Pr, princess. She was concerned for the likes of us…”

These two boorish men shed a flood of tears.

“I replied to her ‘Those two people are alive, same like before’, she looked very glad and certainly wanted to meet you”

Words are no longer reaching with those two breaking down crying.

“Then I continued ‘Even more, they desperately devoted themselves to training, here they went to acquire the strength that wouldn’t lose to the demon commanders of the round table’, with her eyes wet she said ‘Those two, to that extent….!’ and look greatly impressed”

Suddenly, those two suddenly stopped crying, and mutually looking on each other, with the weight gone from their face, they firmly nod to each other.

“Mikoto, we leave the payment here. Sorry, but we trust the calculation to you”

“Hmm? Did you both have some urgent business?”

“We have decided! Without fail we will train our body more and more before we meet the princess ”

“Yea, we will show Princess that our devotion will not lose to anyone!”

Seeing how both of them leave the bar room full of energy after they said so, Mikoto tastes the mug alone and made a satisfied smile.

Later, after training their body to the utmost limit, both Iki and Soujyo

reunited again with Hiyuki, needless to say, she was screaming in happiness (?).

Author Notes:

For the back setting on the possibility of pet evolution as well of equipment reinforcement, in case of the pet, the maximum evolution is 5 times, and equipment is reinforced up to 10 times. Each grade that increased will naturally make the failure chance grow higher (There a bill item that increased the upgrade chance, but its only double the success rate, because the success rate by nature is well known at 5%, 2%, 0,3% and so forth, it doesn't give any significant mean)

Weapon is lost when the reinforcement fail. For the pet, the evolution count is reduced with only change of its parameter. Also, a new skill will be added in random when its succeed.

The seven beast of calamity each of its individual have at least evolved 4 times, as for the two name in this story, Hiyuki is still just started the game so she didn't use bill item, resulting their evolution have ended at 2 times (it just because there are emotional attachment that she add their name).

Episode 5 – The Adventurers

The emu, its legs' length is already just beyond 1.7 meter in the adulthood. A huge bird that lightly exceeds 3m to the tip of the head, fully covered in feathers.

Emu aren't able to fly, instead it's able to run at a very high speed, also given that the bird eats in repulsive way, it doesn't hesitate to eat any weed around.

Even the price is way cheap compared to a horse or a land dragon, something that's absolutely necessary for the likes of Joey, who is a poor adventurer.

However it has many weaknesses. To begin with, first, Emus can carry a payload nowhere near a horse, not even to the degree of a donkey.

Also, it doesn't have a really smart brain so it can't take any complex command.

The most fatal one, since it has a strangely bad-temperament, it doesn't act very nice except toward its tamer companion.

That's why the emu was tied, and in the moment when the bird was caught in sight,

"Heee—, is that an emu?! It looks like chocobo, so cute—"

Without time to stop, the fully-smiled Hiyuki approached the bird in a half run. Joey became flurried towards her defenseless appearance.

"W-WAIT! That bird has a very bad temperament——"

Before he finishes his warning, as expected, the alerted emu is bending one of its leg, and seems like it's going to kick her into the air —At that moment, Hiyuki and the emu meet each other eyes.

Just then, the emu make a surprise expression that was never made, the bird instantly undo its alerted stance, and on contrary, dip its head into the ground surface in a completely submissive stance.

"…Eh? Eh? Why…?"

While Joey looks confused behind, Hiyuki is touching the Emu's feather. And

then as she brushing the bird gently,

“Uwaaah~, this child is so cute~. Something like this exists, eh. I want to bring home 5-6 of these”

Hiyuki expresses her though free of care.

O, oh well its fine I guess, it doesn’t turn out as a serious problem…

Joey sighed in relief as he let it off, he proceed to untie the reins that tied it to the tree,

“Yoshi yoshi, you not going to be hurt, good child”

While gently patting the emu’s lower chin, Joey gets on the saddle and puts both of his feet into the stirrup, he fixes the bird’s body properly.

“So Hiyuki, get on behind me. Originally, it was a single seat saddle so it’s narrow, but since you are tiny, it will be fine”

“You don’t have to say tiny”

While pouting a bit, Hiyuki sits in a princess ride behind Joey back with her feet collected together.

…I, I see, skirt huh.

While his heart’s throbbing hard because of such gesture, he gives an advice to her.

“It’s good if you put your hands tightly onto my back so you won’t fall down”

“O, okay…”

Being told so, Hiyuki glued her slender body into Joey back.

Just as she did, the girl’s particular fragrance that smells like the flower, like sugar, and especially her unknown lovely smell, a mysterious smell like the sensation of the night, and also the pair of her soft lips—The feeling could be understood clearly than that of imagination, as the elastic sensation hits the Joey’s back, his whole body becomes hot, and together with his manly urges that seem to erupt, he shakes his head in panic.

“”I, its bad——!””

Joey unintentionally murmurs his voice out loud.

“Hmm? Did you say something?”

Turning her head to take a glimpse for a moment, Hiyuki saw the side of Joey’s neck, he turned down his face in embarrassment.

“I, it’s nothing. ——I was just thinking its bad that there were no food anywhere here”

“Oh what… if you hungry I have some kind of dried meat you know? Besides, when we arrive to the town of Arra, there’s going to be a lot of food either at the food stall or in the restaurant or anywhere. Could you hold it?”

“W, well, I am fine. More or less, I have some sort of emergency food…but, if possible I don’t want easily put my hand into it, since I don’t know about the situations that would come”

“Oh, so it’s that matter. Surely eating it now would be a dilemma against using it for a real emergency. Then please endure it since there’s a lot of delicious food at the town!”

“Yeah, I am enduring”

Making haste at once, he pulls the reins to make the bird stand up, but for some reason the bird won’t do as he wants. That moment, the emu directed its gaze toward Hiyuki like asking for her instruction, Hiyuki also gets it and nodded lightly, thereupon the bird began to follow Joey instruction and stands up.

“What’s going on with this fellow? What a great bird. It’s better to follow a girl whom he just met than its master huh?”

As Joey mutters his complaint of this situation, Hiyuki laughs and brush gently the emu’s feathers.

“Ahahaha, it will be my honor. But, disobeying Joey is not good you know”

Hearing her, the emu just squawked in agreement.

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The free city of Arra, prospered by its important location in the intersection of main road, the city’s also in the vicinity of the ancient ruin (dungeon) and the

great sea, then accompanied by the White Dragon mountain range behind the city where high quality metals were collected. Therefore, it was a great mecca for merchants, craftsmen, and youngsters that come from the countryside to make a name or archive their ambition.

Naturally, the adventurer's guild also responded the scale, they built a 3 floor building made of stone that surpassed any building in this city, even someone who didn't want to see it when walking on the main street, they will notice its majestic appearance.

The amount of registered adventurers are no less than 20K people, from the bottom which is the G rank, who are still apprentices, up to the A rank in the top, who can even fight a dragon alone.

Among those guild members, it's normal to see each of them having a rowdy personality, a cranky one, and even those with a failure of personality. But, on the evening this day, an unknown girl made an intrusion leaded by an F rank greenhorn, a really out of place one, and then her partner left her and caught the attention of someone eye..

"Hey hey, Joey-kun, which princess is her?! How come you kidnap her! Or don't tell me, you were eloping!?"

The girl in question is sitting on the guild's cheap sofa while swaying her feet, a really beautiful girl drawing attention from the surrounding.

Furthermore that clothing, it's something that's never been seen before, something which needed a plentiful of amount of money, time and effort to spend, even non-experts would know that it's such a gem.

To all appearances, her charm is that of a princess from some country, who's currently going out traveling incognito.

Normally, wild enthusiasm were crowded at the 1st floor guild information desk and even payment tellers, just today, the staff members with the adventurers who happened to be present held their breath together, watching every single movement of the girl.

Among them, the main culprit who brought the attention to her is Joey's acquaintance, the girl staff at the teller —Mia, from the cat race tribe who

turned 20 years old this year, she is pressing on Joey in such attitude by leaning out from the counter.

Usually, when a youngster was just simply starting to talk with a beautiful senior like Mia, they will blush, can't calm down while looking around restlessly, and talks rapidly when taking a request info or reporting it (even Mia was aware of such Joey's innocent boy attitude so she use this for her own convenience at an occasional time), but in the case of Joey now, even this time she brings her face so close that they're about to fully meet, he just made unamused face and sighs.

"…That can't be true of course, she's merely my client, to escort her and guide her around, the person herself who said that she wanted to see the guild so I brought her along, but is there a problem Mia-san?"

"Eh, no, nothing of that sort…"

Different from the usual one, Joey's blunt attitude gives her a bit of shock, again, she send a gaze towards the girl, this is where Mia replied with complicated girl feeling.

Seeing that Mia has calmed down, Joey begins to talk about the request.

"By the way, concerning about the wild dog subjugation request, I wonder if the time period is still safe"

"Ooh, that request" Mia nodded, with her expression changing into business mode. "From the 5 days time limit there are still 2 days left. What, you can't find it yet?"

"No, I was able to pretty much find and fight it, but you see, it wasn't one dog but there was two. Possibly they were a pair. I was barely done for so I think I would do over the preparation"

"Hmmmm, so it's a pair. Then I will contact the client again try to ask for higher reward and extend the time period"

"I see, I am saved…."

"But Joey-kun, to say it bluntly, one, or even two wild dogs is not really a matter for a full-fledged adventurer. —Isn't this subjugation request too early

after all? Or perhaps shouldn't you bring in someone into a group?

Toward Joey who made a relieved sigh, Mia advises him like an older sister who's scolding her little brother.

"…But, if someone with F rank like me joins in, isn't it just prolonging my burden?

"Even if it prolongs your burden, it's still important to gain experience"

Mia was warns him further, but Joey seems to not quite agree with her.

It was certain that in the world, since the beginning, there was a person who became well known since a young age or an adventurer who gained a splendid achievement. But, each of these people is what they call 'a genius'.

Compared to that, no matter how it looked, the boy's ability is just average.

There is no choice for him but to become a full-fledged by putting a long time effort.

That's why, if he wasn't giving in his way soon, sooner or later he will have to resign his life as adventurer, or even lose his life…

While working in the guild for not very long, Mia has already seen a lot of these young people, she sighed in gloomy mood.

"—By the way, Mia-san. I wonder if I could use this?"

So, to change the atmosphere that was about to darken, Joey lined up some coins above the counter from his pocket while saying in a carefree tone.

"….I never seen these coin design"

Before long she tries to check the weight by taking out one of the gold coins.

It isn't a fake object judging from the weight…Far from that, it feels heavier than the continent common pein gold coin that was made by mixing silver with gold.

(—By some chance, it's made from pure gold?!)

Then another coin, it's 2 times bigger than the gold one, at first Mia thought it was a silver coin when she picked it up, then it shined brilliantly in a rainbow color as it's reflecting the light from candle, making her about to raise a scream,

in panic she caught her breath.

(Th, this is…do, don't tell me, its orihalcum—?!)

She returns the coin to its original by pressing down her trembling hand, quickly Mia entrusts a message to the staff behind the counter, halfway while waiting for the reply she gives Joey a question.

"Hey, Joey-kun. Where did you obtain these coins?"

"Aah, that girl handed it over for the request reward back then"

While Joey gets nervous from the unusual serious gaze from Mia's menacing attitude, he pointed towards the girl who's cheerfully viewing the request board where all sorts of request memos were written there.

The person concerned seems bothered by the dust in the room, once a while she pats her shoulders and knees.

"—Hmm, as I thought"

There, the staff who was entrusted by the message back then has come back with a change of expression, that person whispered something to Mia.

"Joey-kun, sorry but, since you would hear some various considerations, could you go to the guild leader room together with her?"

In such words, of course the boy wouldn't think that as a trivial matter, his face went blue very fast.

"W, what happen? Perhaps this was stolen goods or something?"

"Nothing that sort of. It just that you had to know some considerations that's hard to understand"

"……"

Before one knows, the girl had come to the counter and replied, relieving Joey's hesitation.

"I don't really mind it, you see? Besides, I want to do some confirmation so it's kind of a fortune that I will see the guild leader room"

In her words, Joey also nodded resolving himself.

“I see, that’s nice. Since the guild leader room is on the 3rd floor I will guide you. This way please—”

After Mia said so they were following Mia into the staircase, still, Hiyuki is patting the side of her shoulder.

“Say, about what you are doing just now, is this place dusty?”

From the question from Joey who followed behind, Hiyuki smiles provocatively and replied like dodging something.

“Nah, I felt there was a spider thread just a little while ago… Well, even if it wasn’t about the coin I think it’s time to attend their invitation”

Episode 6 – Leader Meeting

The were-cat woman who called herself Mia has guided me into the guild leader's room. This went unexpectedly according to plan, but I have mixed feelings about it, being both glad and sad.

Here is what happened, beginning from the day before yesterday, Tengai explained to me that the world we currently live in differs from our original world.

"…Then, what's the matter?"

I reflexively asked that question.

After all, here, I believed that I died from an accident, so it was obvious that I was reborn or resurrected into a character that I played in a game! Furthermore I can't possibly think this realism is a game at all.

Is it because the nature of this world right now is similar? Are there even more other world elements too? Honestly, I feel that's really not the main issue, that's why those words carelessly slipped out of my mouth.

So… ah, it's bad! It's exactly like I thought! Tengai and the others instantly show a dumbfounded expression…

In the next moment, for some reason, his face turned into a big smile and he bowed down, greatly impressed.

"Exactly! That's exactly right! Our place is being with the princess anywhere in the whole universe. And thus, with our duty as the princess's assistants, we will kill any foreign enemies! My apologies princess, that you had to witness such unsightly behavior of me, who could not see such obvious logic!"

"Our blood, our flesh, our soul, everything is for the princess! We will throw away everything to kill your enemies!!!"

The demon commanders cheer once more.

C-can I still turn back here…?

Since we don't know what kind of world this is, for now, let's invade it! We will know if there are any humans alive in this world.

This mindset again!!

It'll be bad if I don't change this direction we're heading in. If I'm careless, this world is gonna be destroyed.

I don't want that to happen. The switch for the bomb that can destroy the world is in my hands.

"Nonetheless, it's very interesting that this world's civilization as well as the language resembles our original world."

"Yes, regarding that, we are currently performing an investigation, but regrettably it didn't progress that quickly. I can't stand to bear the shame that I am unable to report any concrete information to you, princess. Although, to be honest there are weak points for beings like us, especially blending in with humans during the investigation…"

Hearing his words, I realized: This is it! There's no way I won't use a chance like this.

"I see, that's certainly true. Then, since it came to this, shall I enjoy myself by measuring the ability of humans and demons in this world?"

"—Hah?!?"

Tengai, Mikoto, and Utsuho, all three of them near me are at a loss for words.

Kokuyou didn't say anything, he just silently stared at me with his objection displayed on his face.

"Don't be surprised. I once lived together with humans, always being the vanguard in battle. Shouldn't it reasonable for me to go directly?"

With that, it should be enough to buy some time. Somebody like a guild leader or king wouldn't be met that easily.

As for me, I will be able to get away from those monsters for a while, I feel like shouting "Hyahooo!" already (well, it's just me who wanted to, though).

"B-but…"

“Now now, don’t worry so much. I am just making an assessment of the king or guild leader’s ability, that’s not something unreasonable for me to do …Or perhaps, you don’t believe in my ability?”

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For that reason after this and that, I was currently getting lead into the guild leader room, the room of the most influential person in Arra city (this town). It was literally too easy…

『As expected of you, princess! You so easily slipped into the opponent’s lair. I, Tengai, really can’t stop praising you!』

Tengai, who was merged together with me using the pet unison function, showered me with his praise, which resounded inside my chest.

…Although he said things like ‘slip into the opponent’s lair’, I wonder what I should do. Even without speaking to him I know he totally wants to kill them.

He really is someone who couldn’t be more love-y and peaceful, eh.

Anyone except the princess’s (me) allies are foes and there are only 2 choices for a foe, to get annihilated or trampled over.

I want to quickly fix his sense of value, but come to think of it, in the first place this was the reason for the pet’s existence. Maybe trying to fix it is absurd, like telling a dog to stop acting like a dog.

『Tengai, right now I am judging the opponent’s caliber to the utmost, so I hope you pay attention to the rash speech and conduct.』

Even so, I softly give him a warning just in case.

『YES! I will surely risk my life to prevent any situation that brings disgrace to your honor!』

…Somehow I feel the meaning of my warning didn’t get through to him, but it probably was my imagination.

Considering how it is normally, when my pet goes berserk, naturally the responsibility would fall on me. Therefore saying ‘Don’t act rashly’ would be okay, but if I said ‘You’re too hostile’, wouldn’t he think that I was being paranoid and questioning his restraint?

In the guild leader's room, there's an official desk, a bookshelf, and a lounge suite placed at the front. The room was unexpectedly neat.

As soon as I entered, I noticed at the both sides of the door there stood 2 sturdy looking guards, and in front of the official desk there was someone who gave me the impression 'he surely must be the guild leader'. The man who stood there was a muscular uncle with a scar on his face who looked to be around 50 years old. A 35 year old thin looking man who wore glasses seemed to be his secretary.

"Leader, I brought you the guest."

Nodding towards Mia's greeting, the thin looking man stepped out first while smiling.

"Nice to meet you young lady. I am Collard, Arra city's guild leader."

The muscular uncle with a scary face followed after.

"Same here, I am the vice leader, Gald."

Oh my, I thought he was the guild leader.

It seems my innermost thought was leaked and showed on my face. The vice leader, Gald, made a smile for the first time.

"You were mistaken, young lady. After all, even the guilds do bureaucratic work, so for someone like me who grew up in the fields the best I can do is helping around (be a vice guild leader)."

"Well, it was really unexpected. A youngster who's full of himself like me couldn't possibly operate the guild, it's thanks to Gald-san that I am able to run the guild."

"Ahaha" — the guild leader Collard gave a timid laugh.

If I went on just my feelings, this is a typical situation where I would feel sympathy. Or rather I should feel sympathetic about this, but he can't deceive me since I looked at his status window. Collard is a magician so he would probably overwhelm the vice guild leader, Gald, if they fought.

Well for the time being I am comfortable, by that, I mean I am sitting on the lounge suite right now.

Next to me is Joey, who was currently full of tension, on the opposite of the white marble table, sat the guild leader, Collard, and next to him the vice guild leader, Gald.

“Well then, sorry for the sudden invitation. Right now, it’s about the matter of this one here…” “Joey” “Joey-kun’s request”

Mia-san was quickly backing-up the guild leader Collard.

“Did I do something bad?”

Playing dumb, I was asking a question pretending to be an innocent child who doesn’t know anything of the world.

“From what I heard about this, your request was to be escorted from the wasteland in the west to Arra city and get guided around within the town…How many days did you plan for it?”

That moment I stare back at him and lightly and shrugged my shoulder as I answered.

“Well, perhaps about 2-3 days.”

“…Okay. Regarding that matter, was the reward 10 gold coins with an orichalcum coin?”

“It’s too much!!”

The vice guild leader Gald grumbled; next to me Joey trembled.

“Boy, your rank is still F right? Right now it says the rewards for that rank are around… ” “On average the reward is 2 silver coins, with additional rewards in total being about 80 more cooper coins.”

The guild vice leader Gald nodded strongly toward Mia-san’s supplementary explanation.

“Do you understand, boy?! It’s 10 gold coins with an orichalcum coin! It’s so unprecedented, that with that amount of money you could buy a small territory and a servant!”

“Eh?…Eeeeh…???”

In this situation Joey probably won’t get the explanation, right now he just

unsparingly gets yelled at by his higher-ups, cold sweat pouring down from his face which turned blue.

The guild leader Collard continued Gallad speech calmly.

“Not to mention it affects the guild, such a rash action will trouble us. It would set a bad example and represent us negatively in the eyes of society. Here they will see a guild adventurer tricking an innocent young lady for a large sum of money. That, without exception, will spread a bad reputation. When it comes to that, I believe it wouldn’t be any good for Joey-kun’s sake, too. You would likely be unable to stay at the guild if affected by fame like that. Also someone would aim for the money and at worst, probably your life too.”

Finally saying it in a manner which Joey could understand, his face changed color into a pale white.

“For that reason, in regards to the guild, I hope Joey-kun will return the advance payment to the young lady and that the young lady redo the request again with a fair price. Also in that case, the young lady will grant guild points to Joey-kun by using the guild specified means of requests. If the young lady has trouble with the forms, you can call us and come to consult about it, how would that be?”

“—I, I will return it! I absolutely have no idea at all…Hi-Hiyuki, sorry, I…”

With a weeping face, Joey took out the coin from his pocket in panic and spread it over the table.

Instantly I see Collard and Gald’s eyes shining with a dangerous radiance after seeing those dazzling coins, which were forged with complex designs.

“Joey has given his understanding, but what about you, young lady?”

Collard didn’t change his gentle outward appearance to the bitter end. Thinking of his proposal, I made a pondering gesture by putting my fist on my chin.

“As for me, I already gave my word. Receiving the money back means that I have broken my own word which would be detrimental to my honor. Therefore, I think I’ll decline.”

A man does not go back on what he said, after all. Well, presently it's a business cancellation, though.

Hearing my words, Joey flapped his mouth open and closed, on the verge of fainting like a fish that lacks oxygen. Both Collard and Gald sunk into silence, stony-faced.

"…Is there no way to change your decision? I understand how momentous things are for your kind, who hold precious social standing, to alter their word, but for the sake of this young man's future, somehow, please let this slip."

『Scum! They dare turn down the princess's compassion!』

I need something to hold back this growingly violent Tengai.

『The bargaining is still in an early stage. I would not get so angry over a matter of such a small degree, Tengai.』

"Hmmmm. Hearing that, it would be rude for me who's indebted to Joey. Still, for him to accept nothing is just…"

"If that was the case…"

Mia-san, who up until now, was silently listening to the conversation progress, began to speak.

"Joey-kun didn't receive any official adventurer training or sword mastery so far, so from now on, he will be allowed to attend the guild specified training school free of charge. How do you feel about that?"

"Hrm? What do you mean?"

Gald scowled in puzzlement.

"So here's how it would work, because the young lady doesn't agree to take back the reward money, the money will be put in our custody at the guild bank. The amount of interest from that money should be a lot.

To make up for the normal reward's payment, Joey could be arranged to train at the guild's training school until he becomes full-fledged. The payment for the training school would be the interest on the reward.

When the time comes and he is a full-fledged — oh that's right, D rank, we will

return the money to the young lady. With these terms, would you consider agreeing to them?”

“I see, that’s not bad.”

This compromise isn’t that bad. Mia-san seems to be quite a fast thinker, it’s really regrettable.

The guild leader, Collard, appears to agree too.

“We seem to not have a problem with this. How does Joey-kun feel about this?”

“O-of course, I will accept it!”

“Boy, don’t be half-assed on the training! Get a grip!”

With Joey nodding strongly, vice guild leader Gald was telling it to him straight while grinning.

“Now, it appears this whole matter about the reward has ended peacefully, I feel relieved about this. Uh oh, has this young lady already decided on lodging for tonight?”

“No, I have not decided yet.”

“That’s not good. Mia-san, it may trouble you, but please arrange lodging for this young lady.”

“—EH!?”

“What’s with ‘eh’, boy? Don’t tell me you intended to guide this young lady into a cheap hotel, huh?”

“EH?! Er, no…That’s…”

It seems that was what Joey really planned to do. He turned his face down while stuttering.

“Are you an idiot!? How do you intend to protect her if you bring such a young lady to that kind of dangerous place?! Definitely not! You couldn’t take something like that back! …Oh well that’s enough, the place of this young lady’s lodging today will be arranged by Mia-san. Go home and redo the request procedure tomorrow!”

Hearing the voice of Vice Guild Leader Gald, Joey stood up and bowed to both Guild Leader Collard and Vice Guild Leader Gald, and then he faced me to give his farewell.

“See you Hiyuki, sorry for today. Tomorrow I will definitely guide you around.”

“Yes, I’m looking forward to it.”

Joey bowed his head once again, left together with Mia-san, who was supposed to arrange my lodging.

With the presence of those two completely gone, the Vice Guild Leader Gald stood up and locked the guild leader’s room from the inside.

Well then, finally it’s time to start with the main issue…

Author Notes:

Hiyuki basically was within the sense when she was arguing back and forth as the guild master, so she amused herself with this bargaining lol.

At first I plan to made Hiyuki stay in the Joey cheap hotel, within a single bed, with both lust (lewd) and lust (food) mingle together, but I am chickening out.

Episode 7 – Gentleman's Agreement

After locking the door, the vice guild leader Gald returned to the sofa and glared at me.

There are a lot of scars and cuts everywhere on his scary face, so to put it bluntly, even a child would cry if they saw his face.

Well, my outward appearance seemed to be that of a child. Still, I'm able to keep calm because, if I compare his face to one of my demon pets, his face is no different than some angry baby.

"I hate bothersome chit chat so let me just ask you clearly, just who are you?"

…What kind of person am I, huh… actually that reminds me.

"……"

I keep silent, intensively wondering how should I explain this. Suddenly, Vice Guild Leader Gald opened his gripped hand and showed his palm to me.

…Hey, his lifeline is short—(creases lines on his palm). His palm was disgustingly shined in greasy sweat though.

"Look at this hand of mine. From the time that you came into this room, it was sweating endlessly. I dare say that those two behind you probably are sweating as well."

Hearing his words, I turn my head around. There stood two strong looking guards on the both side of the door. As I try to look at them, they divert their pale faces down towards the floor to escape from my gaze.

"Those two are genuine B rank, and I don't want to boast about it but during my active service I was an A rank. That's why we known by instinct that you are truly a dangerous person."

Eeeeeehhhh? Still, I believe I am not a very harmless vampire princess.

"In my youthful days I was a reckless one, I have even challenged a griffin and a dragon. I have escaped life and death situations many times and won against

these opponents, there were even those who quickly surrendered to me.

…However, you are exceptional, no, you are on another level. Frankly, I want to quickly flee from here. In order to save my own life, I would even do such a disgraceful thing. If you told me to lick your asshole, I would gladly do so!”

Aaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhh!!
I reflexively blocked my butt and got off of the sofa.

“Gald-san, you’re the kind of person who is into very young girls huh…”
The Collard looks at Gald like he was a savage.

“—N-NO, WA-WAIT! I don’t have that kind of hobby, it was just a figure of speech…!!”

Taking control from Gald who was desperately trying to explain himself, Collard is beckoning to me “Now-now, please sit back down.”, so for time being, I returned to the sofa. Of course, I sat as far away as possible from Gald.

“I don’t have nearly enough field experience to make me understand your level by instinct like everyone else… but even so, I know that you are an extraordinary being. You are aware of it right? The barrier and detection magic which I spread around the guild.”

“Ah, that paper tape and spider web sort of thing?”

In beginning I just wanted to shake it off and not break it, but it kept getting in my way and bothering me since it persistently entwined around me, so I shook it with all my power and it just happened to break〜.

“Are you saying that the barrier to defend against B-class monsters was ‘paper tape’ and the country’s first class detection magic was a ‘spider thread’…?!”

Hearing the shocked Guild Leader Collard’s speech, I became shocked too.

“Eeeh, that was to protect against B class monsters?! And that other thing is the country’s first class magic!? —So weak!!”

I spilled my true opinion unintentionally. Seeming mad as expected, Gald cut into our conversation.

“Just sayin’, this guild’s number of registered adventurers is 20,000 people. Among those there are 500 B rank and 60 A rank. Plus there are 500 of the

country's regulars stationed here. I dunno what kind of monster you are, but can you take out every one of those opponents all by yourself?"

No matter if what Gald said was a bluff or not, I showed him the number 3 with my fingers.

"Hrm? What's that?"

"All by myself, heh. If we clash head on, this is how much time it will take for me alone to annihilate all of you."

"…You can do it in 3 days?"

Toward Gald who groaned in displeasure, I shake my head lightly.

"Nay, it could be as little as 3 minutes. Although, if I bring my subordinates along, a single one could blow this city off the map without a trace in 3 seconds."

『It wouldn't even take 2 seconds!』

Ten'gai declared something that impressive inside my chest…Yes, I'm sure it is definitely true too, which made me worry.

"…Ridiculous…that's a bluff…"

Staring blankly, he spun those words to persuade himself.

Muh, this has become a bit annoying.

"Please wait!! Don't tell me, you're planning to say something like 'In that case should I show you for real?' aren't you?!"

I opened my eyes wide. Collard, who stood still in a panicked state, actually got ahead of me, I was planning to say that.

"…So it's true. I completely believe your words. Still even for mere entertainment, I seriously hope a god-like being like yourself doesn't make such careless statements."

Their figures were full of anxiety which somewhat projected my own usual feelings…this thrilled me in paradoxical joy. How should I put it, a feeling like 'Fufufufu, everyone else is tasting my suffering to the max.' arose inside of me.

But still, there were no mistakes with what Collard said and it's pitiful to keep teasing them any more, so I'll put a stop to this now.

“Well, if you guys don’t meddle with me, I won’t plan on doing anything to this city.”

“…I guess there’s no choice but believe in you. We can’t stop you anyway. I understand, we will not meddle with any of your activities. I also promise we will listen to any of your demands if it’s within our abilities.”

“Hmmm. Then I have one demand —ah, maybe two. First, don’t monitor me.”

It’s natural for both of them to plan to monitor me. They nodded with sour faces.

“Now for the other one, during my stay some young women might disappear at night, and they will probably be in a trance when they are discovered. There will be no danger to their life and they will be returned to their original location, therefore I want you to overlook this matter.”

“—Oi, wait a minute! That’s a very serious thing! In the first place, how can we differentiate it from other crimes?!”

I see, there is a point to Gald’s complaint. If this overlapped with another abduction, it would be a disaster.

“Aah, that’s right. Then, I am going to make my requirements a bit narrower. To describe it in more detail, their age will be between 15-20 years old, and they will be a beautiful healthy virgin. Before they disappear they will be seen talking to a reeally beautiful blonde male, so I wonder about that?”

“Even with that I think your range is still too wide. Whatever.. in short, your target is a girl like Mia-san from before then, huh?”

‘I’m just making sure, but don’t lay a hand on my guild staff!‘ Gald narrowed his eyes towards me, with the look that he wants to confirm the last point.

“I suppose you can say that. Mia-san is okay; she is to my liking, but it’s too bad she isn’t a virgin.”

“Wh-what!?!”
For some reason, the guild leader and the two guards all joined Gald and made a surprised sounding yell.

“—Th-then what about Mina?! That redhead teller girl three from the left,

she’s clean and tidy!”

Collard throws away his calm mask from earlier and asks me the question desperately. He really changed his expression drastically!

“Ah—, that miss huh. I believe she was playing around with 2-3 guys. She had the smell of several males on her.”

“A-are you serious?!”

The guild leader fell to one knee and looked into the sky with a face like he thought the world had met its end.

Why do I feel that he received more shock from that than from my speech before?

“In that case, Lucia… she was the black haired girl with a mole under her eye, what about her?!”
“What about Ellen?! The blond haired girl with the pony tail!”

The two guards were also gripping me strongly, each one asking me a question.

…Um, what happened to the fact that they instinctively can’t approach me?

Or.. maybe this such a serious matter that it made them forget even their fear?!

“Ah, well, that matter is obviously private so I can’t say anything more…”

Even though I tell them so, right now those two still keep on pressing me for an answer. Collard is still suffering from the shock, and although I call out to Glad while glancing sideways towards him, he is completely lost in thought.

Men really are silly.

(End ep 7)

Author Notes

By the way, this is how their status looks,

The Guild Leader, Collard:

Race : Human (Magician)
Name : Collard Adlenant

Job : Arra City Adventurer Guild Leader
HP : 1,730
MP : 4,150

The Vice Guild Leader Gald:

Race : Human (Heavy Swordman)
Name : Gald Bass
Job : Arra City Vice Guild Leader
HP : 4,350
MP : 1,220

The guild leader has to hold a first class ability, therefore it is equal with an A rank from the guild levels.

And as for the reason why Hiyuki said 3 minutes, in the first place when she's in serious mode, she is able to bring down 1,000 monsters with her level in 1-2 minutes (tln: Is this Dynasty warrior?). She said 3 minutes after estimating with some certain margin.

Episode 8 – The Lost Era

"A lost coin…huh"

From the terrace of 'Aliana Palace Hotel' which was originally the estate of a certain noble, I ponder the words that the guild leader said from earlier while gazing down at the town that is submerged into the darkness of the night. (Although for a vampire princess (like me), it seems no different from day)

Back then, for some reason the guild leader's room had turned chaotic. Collard wouldn't come back from his stupor, Gald had isolated himself from the outside world with the face of a parent who just learned of their daughter's infidelity, and because the two guards were persistent, my patience ran out. Therefore I unintentionally gave them the answer "I think both of them are currently going out with a guy." which made them break down and cry. To calm everybody down, I decided to use my evil eye to manipulate their memories directly; in some way or another the place returned to normal.

Afterwards, with the guild leader's sanity returned, I tried to ask him about the thing that was on my mind.

His reaction was somewhat strange when he saw the coin, so I asked him whether or not he knew something regarding the coin I possessed from within the game, after that he gave me the answer.

The coin was a legacy of the so called 'Lost Era' which had no records left at all, and the legacy itself being discovered is very rare, especially the rainbow coin which was made from orichalcum. To begin with, the orichalcum production method is unknown so the coin is hardly ever circulated out in the world. One was stored in a certain kingdom treasury, another one was stored in a certain imperial bank, and so there are not even 5 total confirmed coins so far that exist.

…Well, although so, I carried about 500 rainbow coin myself, plus I was able to make as many as I wanted since the alchemist gulmen hobby was collecting top class refinement facility at the fortress, so there's practically a mountain of them piled up in the open.

“…Aah, nothing is clear, looks like it’s not true that this world is completely unaffected by ‘E H O’ << Eternal Horizon Online >>”

“What would you like to do, Princess? This town’s guild’s upper echelon are already as good as puppets under your evil eye. If that’s the case, rather than spent night in this crude miserable shack, should we return to the fortress at once?”

In his human form, after un-possessing me from the pet unison, Ten’gai gave me advice in his usual tuxedo.

…Well, although I was using my evil eyes at back then, I don’t particularly intend to make Collard and Gald into puppets and capture them.

Perhaps I should say that would be against my aim, but what he said could indeed allow for misinterpretations. I mean, he said this hotel was a ‘miserable shack’, even though this hotel seems to be the best one in the Arra city where even the royalty stay. Ah, speaking of royalty, this is the right timing to add my speech.

“Surely at first our aim was being achieved. However, I feel very uneasy about this ‘Lost Era’”

“Is Princess worried about that? It appears to be some sort of legend that was not worth believing.”

“However, since the rainbow coin can actually be found in other places right now, maybe there is some sort of relation to it. There’s possibly a person from the same place as us, that arrived in this world long ago.”

“Indeed, if that was the case it is highly likely that they will become the biggest obstacle for us.”

It seems there is no concept of reunions with an old friend for him.

“Be that as it may, regarding the description of the ‘Lost Era’, it seems the description wouldn’t be just a mere fragment at various temples and royalties. It’s all according to plan after all. Shall we get in touch with royalty after this?”

“…I understand, your wish is my command. By the way, about that hotel meal earlier, it appear Princess can’t digest it. We already gained the guild’s approval,

so maybe I should go and provide your ‘requested goods’ for tonight.”

Ah… that’s true, the sauce was too heavy, and the spice was beyond overpowering compared to small quantity of grilled ingredients, therefore I couldn’t eat even half of the meal that was served here. Usually, I wanted to eat even if it was tonkatsu ramen.

“Is that so? Then, I’ll rely on you for the provision by tomorrow morning, but I want you to do it carefully to prevent going overboard.”

Honestly, I am a bit hesitant to drink ‘that’, but no matter what I can’t stop my physical desires. So rather than directly bite somebody’s neck, I came to terms with drinking it from Ten’gai’s provisions.

“—Of course, I will be careful.”

Together with those words, Ten’gai’s figure disappeared from the spot.

“Well then, come to think of it I wonder if Joey is in good spirits?”

During the night when a vampire princess manifests her true ability, I suddenly recall Joey’s sobbing face when we parted ways.

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Joey carried a long used tray with a plain dinner on top of it while sighing. Returning to his own room on the 2nd floor, he climbed up the stairs.

He remembered the events that happened this evening at the guild.

Thinking his lack of knowledge about the world was giving the girl trouble, he gave a sigh again.

“Aah, she probably despises me…”

The matter was supposed to already be over, but recalling that event made him beat himself up with all his strength.

While sighing for an unknown number of times, he used his foot to open the wooden door of his room since the key was not enough to unlock it, then proceeded inside the room.

“Yo, welcome back Joey.”

Hiyuki is sitting on the bed instead of the chair, and even though she greeted

him, Joey was still unable to comprehend reality.

It was something like an illusion from the moonlight, a fairy prank, or he had gone crazy.

“It’s still early in the morning for the promise, but I feel worried about you, so please excuse me for barging in.”

Hearing Hiyuki’s voice, Joey finally understood the reality. He put the tray with his meal on it on top of the bed beside Hiyuki (since there was no desk) with great haste, then he locked the door with his shoddy key.

“Y-you, how did you come here?!”

Although she heard his high pitched voice, the person in question, Hiyuki, was absorbed with curiosity about Joey’s dinner.

“Oh, the window was open so I just came in.”

She absent-mindedly replied to him while looking at the content of his tableware.

“The window? Isn’t this on the 2nd floor? In the first place, your appearance is…”

Hiyuki was wearing something like a sleeping dress, an off black dress that extended to her ankle with an ivory night gown on the top of it. Joey couldn’t hide his embarrassment seeing her with that appearance but Hiyuki herself didn’t care about it and only pointed to his dinner.

“Hey hey, what is this?”

“Asking ‘what is this’, this is oat meal right…you don’t know of it?”

Realizing asking more than this is useless, Joey answered her question together with his sighing.”

“Hee, so this is oat meal. This is the first time I heard the name. Can I try it?”

“Well that’s not a problem but, don’t you have a hotel booked by the guild? You didn’t have your dinner there?”

“Hmm? Aah, pretty much.. I’m staying in a noble’s room at the so called Aliana Palace Hotel, but you see, the food isn’t tasty, I almost couldn’t eat it.”

While saying so, without delay Hiyuki takes a mouthful of oatmeal with her spoon.

“—Wa-wait a minute. If you’re talking about THE ‘Aliana Palace Hotel’, I heard staying there just one night will cost a normal citizen his full month’s salary, you know!? To say something like a noble’s room meal in that hotel is bad…”

Whether Hiyuki heard him or not, her delicate face stiffened, the spoon remaining in her mouth. She chewed the oatmeal inside her mouth and then preparing herself, she gulps down the food.

“…No, it’s not tasty if I compare it with the food from the castle, but it’s not that bad. Besides, if I compare it to how was the meal was here, its soo terrible.”

“—Well, the people like of us don’t have money, but we have to feed our body so we need eat that kind of food to the fullest.”

While giving the explanation, Joey slurps the oatmeal that Hiyuki handed back over. He spread the butter over the bread, and ate it together with his potatoes and a minuscule amount of bacon.

“I see, nothing but splendid carbohydrates heh. It’ll be bad for your body if you don’t eat vegetables once a while.”

“Its fine, I am satisfied with this meal!”

For some reason Joey got irritated. Hearing his words that seemed striking to her, Hiyuki opened her eyes wide for a moment and subsequently hung her head down apologetically.

“…That’s right, it was just my selfishness.”

“Ah, no, it’s not that you’re at fault or anything…”

Looking at Hiyuki’s small figure that just shrank even more, Joey interrupted his meal and quickly searched for words to comfort her.

“—Sorry. I was venting my anger earlier, it’s just that I feel there’s a very very large wall between us which made me frustrated.”

His words made Hiyuki tilt her head in puzzlement.

“There is no real barrier between us. I think you would feel it if I touched you

like this.”

Saying so, she put her chilly palm onto Joey’s cheek, instantly she separated it.

Because of such an unexpected girl-like action, Joey’s heart throbbed fast. Reflexively he asked her in return,

“…Then, can I touch you?”

“—Y-yeah”

Hiyuki is embarrassed but still she gave him a nod. Joey then extended his arm toward her. He hesitated, feeling that anywhere he touched would break her, but he resolved his mind somehow and tried, finally grabbing the both sides of her arm.

“You… even though you are so slender, why are you so soft?! What is your secret?”

“—You really can’t read the atmosphere eh.”

Joey was being told with an amazed tone and expression,

“Err, it’s because with the adventurer women or village women, everyone is very stiff even though they’re women.”

Even though he desperately explained himself, her face just become more and more amazed. Feeling ashamed, Joey releases his hand.

“That sort of thing is the arm of a female that works in the field or does manual labor you know? That might be a rare thing to you, but generally normal females have arms like mine. If you like, next time you could touch Mia-san by asking her, I am sure she will understand.”

“…Mia-san huh. I think she’ll just make fun of me.”

“You have the wrong idea, there’s no way a woman would go that far. Perhaps you feel like she keeps saying harsh things and nagging at you, but even so I think everything that she has done is to make you her partner. If you want to have a lover or wife, you should choose that sort of woman. Especially you, she is perfectly suited with you because of your lacking in several aspects.”

“It’s none of your business! In the first place there should be no reason for a

senior of mine to take notice of someone like me.”

“I don’t think so, isn’t that just your own stubbornness? This is my intuition, but she probably parted with her lover many years ago and might be suffering from the bereavement. I feel that she find the power to heal her emotional scars inside of you.”

“What was that, a girl’s intuition?”

“Hmmmmm, maybe. You can put it like that. Oh my, your meal has gone completely cold. Well, it’s time for me to leave.”

Hiyuki said so while looking towards the window.

“Leave? Don’t tell me, from the window…”

That moment, Hiyuki’s eyes seemed to shine brightly and Joey’s consciousness rapidly faded—

“Goodnight Joey, see you tomorrow.”

Joey suddenly raised his head, thinking that he heard the parting voice of Hiyuki. However her presence isn’t found anywhere in the room. The door was also locked from inside.

“…I wonder if that was a dream.”

Remaining half in doubt of himself, Joey ate up the meal that had went cold.

Still, his gloomy feelings from earlier were completely gone. That night he was able to sleep soundly without even dreaming.

Author Notes:

I considered making the story development a bit more bittersweet, but when I tried to end it, Joey-kun became totally miserable.

As for Mia-san’s background story, at 15 years old she lost her adventurer lover who was the same age as her. She doesn’t want the same tragedy happen again, and Joey-kun had a likeness to the adventurer’s stupidity.

Also, if you put some ingredients on top of oatmeal it becomes quite delicious, but what Joey was eating was a porridge that was cooked with just wild oats and

water.

The food menu is using 1840 Great Britain meals for lower class as reference. (From about 2 episodes before. I knew a rough estimation of how much the meat that was eaten with the earning of this matter)

Interlude 2 – Tonkotsu the Great

The ramen shop ‘Tonkotsu the Great’ located at the corner part of the castle town (Originally, it was an area that could contain various kinds of automatic stalls operated by NPCs. The maximum number of buildings was up to 50, but now the scale was obviously expanded. Currently the number exceeded 2000, including ‘Tonkotsu the Great’) in the Scarlet Jade castle, was a hidden well-established store for those who know about it.

In the front of the narrow store where there was only counter stool, there always a long line of customers waiting. The tonkotsu soup had a unique strong smell that filled up the store until it spilled outside, making the customers who visit it raise their expectations unconsciously.

With the store having so much activity, one would think they should have moved into a bigger building, but the owner of this shop, the Orc King, is stubbornly determined to make a day’s portion of ramen by himself with his own hand. Therefore the capacity of this shop became limited, but with the taste of his ramen, the people would never disagree.

On a certain day, a small customer is sitting on the counter opposite to the stockpot, impatiently ordering a tonkotsu ramen. The shopkeeper heard the customer’s voice by chance, and he felt that he had heard that voice somewhere before, which puzzled him.

Looking at the customer’s appearance, they had a height of 140cm, the physique of a common hobbit or elf, wore a black robe that covered everything from their head till to their feet, and they had a devil mask on to hide their face. (Residents dressing suspiciously like this is a dime a dozen for this country, the Imperial Crimson) The customer physique is unknown, but judging from their voice they’re probably a girl or a kid and possibly both.

He believes it’s the first time he has seen this customer, but somehow he has a hunch that he met her somewhere.

This felt like nothing but a human bone getting caught in his throat, he can’t

stop trying to remember who it is. Even so, this is the job he got used to, so he quickly finished the dish and placed it before the customer in front of his eyes who was across the counter.

“—Here you go, a normal serving of tonkotsu ramen, sorry for the wait.”

“Uwooh, amazing! Is this the normal serving!?”

She saw before her eyes a ramen bowl the size of a washbowl (Although for the shopkeeper who was nearly 4m in height, it just looked like a small dish). On the opposite side of the surprised customer, the shopkeeper casually starts a conversation while wiping his hand with his apron.

“Is this the first time Missy has come to this shop? If that’s the case, the smaller half portion would suit you.”

Without hesitation, the shopkeeper bent his large body toward the customer. No matter how it looks, his face is that of a brutal warthog, which should have made the small customer fall off on the top of the stool, but the stool itself is very large (Because usually it was used for customers 2-3 meters big). Somehow she fixes her mood and posture, and then nodded repeatedly.

“—Y-yes. I heard from someone there was a delicious tonkotsu ramen store around here, so I asked them to tell me about it. I was immediately knew which one it was after I saw the lines in front of your store.”

It appears it was right to call her a ‘miss’. She grips the chopsticks while saying “itadakimaasu”, harboring a good will to eat. The shopkeeper grinned broadly.

“Hou, that fellow is lucky. This shop is located in the back streets of this town, the guy who knew it was just regular customer or part of the authorities.”

“Is that so? Still, I am gonna try to eat as much of this as I can. *slurp*.. !? Amazing! This is so delicious! It’s my first time eating a tonkotsu ramen this delicious!!”

Her eating a mouthful and giving such high praise, the shopkeeper can’t help but smile intensively even more.

“I told ya! The soup here is special, nothing out there like it.”

As the shopkeeper said that full of pride, he noticed there wasn’t a glass of

water placed in front of the small customer. He openly changes and angrily shouts at his high orc assistant.

“You idiot! Aren’t you supposed to bring out the water for customer!? You’re so freaking slow, you’ll be going into the soup next!!”

—Bfuah!

At that moment, the little girl who was currently gulping down the soup with her spoon coughed violently.

“Do-don’t tell me…this soup is…”

“Hmm? -Oh, that can’t be true of course. About my assistant going into the soup, I meant more like they had to manage the soup.”

“Is-is that so. That was so surprising.”

Sighs in relief and sips the soup again into her mouth.

“…Well, in the first place with my magical power I could summon limitless ordinary orc for the ingredients anyway.”

—Bfuooh!

For the second time, the little girl coughed violently.

“Well, even though I said that, it doesn’t mean I put the orcs into my soup! So rest assured. I used them normally to harvest horned boar for their bones and body.”
He gives her a look that asked if she was all right.

“Aah, well, sorry. You right, there’s no way a tonkotsu ramen could use something other than the pork belly and bones, right?

While the girl nodded in agreement, the shop assistant brought her the water and she proceed to drink it making her calm down, then she resumed her meal again.

“That’s obvious, jeez. The kinds of ingredients would be the same in all shops. In short it was the chief hand, the skill.”

“Yes-yes. I understand.”

“Among my competitors, they strangely believe the secret of the deliciousness

of my ramen is due to the flavor of the orc king. In short, they thought I was bathing in the water that I use for the soup, I don't know what the hell are they even say—"

—buhaaaah!!!

"I said there's no way! You're really a person who can't calm down huh, from here try not to live like that. Hiyuki-sama has revived so there will be battles awaiting us after this."

"…Re-really? Are you absolutely sure about that?"

"Of course I am. Anywhere Hiyuki-sama went there was always a battle with tons of flesh and blood —Hmm? By any chance, have you still not met her?"

"Ah! Yes, I never directly met her, maybe…"

"Ha! No wonder. Even now, I still remember it.. long ago I was the king of a mountain and ruled over an uncool forest. On that day, I was completely beaten by Hiyuki-sama and had to swear my submission to her."

"Aah. Come to think of it, were you the field boss in Wyss forest?"

"Oh, you knew? After that I wandered around every part of the world with Hiyuki-sama, battling with the warriors of various places. This fist of mine was never dry of blood from combat.

"Uhhhh, I guess you reap what you sow… still, why are did you become a tonkotsu ramen shopkeeper? With the kind strength you had originally as a field boss, you could become something like one of the 13 Demon Generals couldn't you?

"Demon general? —Hah! Such thing is just a title to show off. If that's the case, picking up the tonkotsu soup scum is far better if I have the free time for it. Besides, with strength of my caliber, this neighborhood shopping district could be scattered about. I alone am enough to fight against 4 of the Demon Generals, right?"

"Sc-scatter this town…alone against 4… Tha-that's right, you were a field boss after all. However, I wonder why everyone eagerly raises their level to 99…"

"Of course, everyone decides to do it for the sake of Hiyuki-sama! Missy too

has to work hard to be helpful for Hiyuki-sama!”

“—Ye-yeah, I think…I will work hard to try protect the safety of Hiyuki-sama!”

“That’s the spirit!”

While having the conversation the bowl had emptied before they knew it.

“Thanks for the food. I thought I wouldn’t be able to eat all that, but it was delicious and I was able have it go down smoothly. How much do I pay for it?”

“Ou, tonkotsu ramen normal portion is 8 big copper coins.”

“One…two…then, exactly 8 big copper coin. I am leaving it here.”

“Thank you very much! —Come again, missy!”

“Yes. I will do so. Well then, see you again Gaijin. (Victory Song of Battle)”

The girl gave her parting and left the store.

The shopkeeper began to ignore things about her, but her last words made his whole body numb.

‘Gaijin’.. even regular customers and employees don’t know about that.

The precious thing which that person gave to him, everything that he takes pride in.

Something he closed off so that no one would able to call him that except for that person, but in the same voice from that day, in the same tone from that day, his ears heard it.

“…Do-don’t tell me…”

While searching for her retreating figure that already vanished into the crowd, Gaijin solidified like a statue.

“Master! One order coming!”

Gaijin suddenly came back to his senses by the voice from his assistant. He grips the copper coins left over on the table like they were a treasured item.

“Ou, I hear ya.”

After Gaijin made a big single nod, he boiled the noodles and stirred the soup in a good mood that he hadn’t always had before.

(Interlude end)

Author notes

By the way, the time period of this story was when Hiyuki was returning from Joey's room. Right afterwards she wanted tonkotsu ramen so much, she warped into the castle and went into a ramen shop wearing a mask and then came back again. (Earlier, it wasn't possible to use warp magic outside the castle since the destination was unknown, so by marking a specified spot in the world the warp can be done)

Then about the orc king, he was an intermediate level unique field boss.

The event occurred by receiving a quest. The orc king always accompanied by his followers, furthermore at certain time intervals he re-summoned his followers making him a quite a bit of trouble.

When the orc king became a pet, he could only summon 3 followers at a time, but in this world obviously things like that aren't valid anymore.

Episode 9 – The Monster's Mischief

"Shit, stop moving around you damn dogs!"

Joey swung his sword with all his might, but the dogs easily saw the trajectory of his sword and were able to dodge it and get out of its range.

"—Quickly jump to your right!"

Listening to the command, Joey jumped right away and landed in that spot on his left foot. One dog that approached from behind bit its fangs fruitlessly on the air, making a hard noise.

"Keep your distance and make sure those two are in your field of vision!"

Being told so, he prepares his sword and makes some distance between them.

"—Dammit, just a bit more!"

Hearing his irritated words, Hiyuki, who sat on the top of the rock from a small distance away holding a parasol, knitted her beautiful eyebrows.

"…It's not 'just a bit', it's a complete failure. Your movements are too simple so the dogs easily evade, plus your swings and posture are also disorderly making you full of openings. You look like you're swinging a hoe in the fields."

Hitting the bullseye, Joey's face became red ear to ear.

"It can't be helped I guess. Actually, I helped out in the fields since the time that I was old enough to understand my surroundings…however, I had to leave the town to reduce the burden on my family. I trained together with something like the vigilante corps member, and I was told that I was on the right track!"

"That was your youthful strength. When swinging with all your might, perhaps you could boast that strength to the village of yours which surpassed the best there, but against a living monster's reflexes, that obvious attack isn't gonna hit."

While examining the two wild dogs that were currently cautiously growling, Joey pouted.

“Then what should I do?”

“Watch the opponent’s movement, don’t attack on your own accord except to feint it. That monster is a wild dog right? It looks like they just attack by biting, so that’s the only thing you need to be weary of. Then for the dog’s attack pattern, it was only aiming at your feet to stop your movements and aiming at your vital spot on your neck. Even those movements are simple, that’s why you should be able to deal with it even if the dog moves around —Ah, your feet!”

Seeing the opportunity that Joey turned his attention to Hiyuki’s speech, one dog moves along the ground. After being told, Joey swung his sword aiming below his feet, and by coincidence the sword cut the dog up.

“—Gyang…!”

“Yea—” “The last one is coming! It can’t dodge, stab it!”

Without giving time for him to be submerged in deep emotion her commands come in rapid succession. Shortly after, he raises his face, the bright red mouth of the last dog that was filled with rage approached in front of his eyes. Reflexively he pointed the edge of his sword outwards, and it transmitted to his arm a dull sensation. The dog desperately squirmed, scratching its claws into Joey hand, before long the dog’s movements suddenly stop.

Joey, who closed his eyes halfway through, heard a small clapping sound.

“Congrats on completing the subjugation quest.”

Thereupon Joey opened his eyes timidly, Hiyuki’s words and her fully smiling face barged into him. He focused his gaze on the wild dog corpse lying under his foot, the other one lost its life spitting on his sword, finally he understood the meaning of her words.

With a thud, the wild dog together with his sword fell down into the ground from his stiff hand. Joey was filled with emotion. He grasped his hands together tightly and tossed them up into the sky.

“Horray—!!”

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“Hee, you actually completed it. Congratulations Joey-kun.”

As proof that he completed the quest, Joey brought out 2 wild dog fangs onto the top of the counter. Mia-san seeing that frankly gave him her voice of praise.

“Hehe, no prob!”

Towards Joey’s attitude that was puffed up with pride like a brat who just successfully pulled off a prank, Mia-san made a faint smile and turned her sight towards me.

“So how did it look? Talking about Joey-kun’s fighting style for real.”

“He’s still a novice at most. This time he got pretty lucky, watching him is really suspenseful.”

Hearing my remark while I shrug my shoulders, Joey swelled his face and Mia-san said “As expected” suppressing her giggle.

“Still, it became a good experience for you. You had better learn a bit of fear. An adventurer isn’t a soldier, even if they have to defeat the opponent. It’s not like they have to make it a maximum priority over their own safety.”

Actually, I have heard that in this world there is no resurrection magic or resurrection medicine. In other words, when people die, that’s the end.

Bearing such risk, being an adventurer was really a gamble; to be honest I can’t understand them. Still, even on my side it’s the same, like when I had a conversation during my meal last night. Their standpoint definitely has some weight.

That’s why I can’t possibly tell them to quit.

With those words of mine, Mia-san nodded too.

“That’s right. In that particular area, Joey-kun is in need of a lot of training at the training school.”

“Hey, what do both of you mean! You don’t feel happy at all huh?”

Seeing Joey’s childish attitude that became sulky, I spontaneously looked at Mia-san and we both made a sneer.

“Of course not～. It’s Joey-kun’s first subjugation quest achievement anniversary after all. If you like, should I give you a kiss on the cheek?”

With Mia-san who made her speech while winking with a mischievous smile, I also try to get on for the ride.

“That’s a good idea. Then, I’ll kiss his opposite cheek to keep it balanced.”

“Wh-wh-what are you guys saying, so carelessly…!”

Joey face becomes bright red like a boiled octopus. Did I overdo it a little?

“…but well, with this, I actually feel relieved too. Yesterday, I asked him to guide me around, if because of that he failed his previous quest, it would be regrettable.”

Hearing my words, Mia-san withdrew her smile and became serious.

Yes, really a fast thinker that girl is.

“Regrettable…by any chance, will you be departing soon?”

“Yes, maybe. I have cleared my business and things that I wanted to know here in Arra city. Therefore, I plan to go to the royal capital next.”

“—Wa-wait a minute Hiyuki! You asked me to guide you around the town for 2-3 days…and yet, today you were accompanying me in my subjugation quest; I still haven’t performed the crucial guide job at all, right!?”

“Well a plan is a plan after all. In the first place, my stay here wasn’t fixed right? It’s just that I had to go a bit earlier. Aah, it’s not that I’m gonna reduce the quest reward.”

“No, it’s not about that…”

I moved my gaze from the weeping face of Joey and turn to Mia-san.

“—Well then, with that being my reason, please end the quest I gave to Joey.”

“O-okay. I understand. —But, is that fine with you?”

Mia-san gave a fleeting glance towards Joey.

“Yeah, I’ve already decided.”

With those words she made a complicated expression, even so she gave me a nod, toward her I bowed my head a little.

She had mutually known what I want to say. Really, what a capable woman she

is.

I face towards Joey again.

“Joey, it was only a short time but I’m really grateful for a lot of things. Thanks to you I really enjoyed my visit here. Well, it’s not that this is a final farewell, first of all I entrusted my money here until you become full-fledged. Become a full-fledged soon and I will gladly come here again…”

If you had died, it would be a quite a disappointment.

Recalling the end of my previous existence, I swallow deeply those words.

“Hiyuki…I…”

Yes, I know what you’re gonna say, but you know, for your happiness I believe it’s better for me to not be with you.

Then, breaking the atmosphere, heavy footsteps sounded as the muscled uncle with scary face, Vice Guild Leader Gald descended from the stairs.

“Did something happen, vice guild leader?”

Ignoring Mia-san’s question, Gald went straight in my direction with a serious face.

“Good timing young lady. Sorry but, the guild leader has something to discuss, so could you come upstairs?”

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A suspicious aura enshrouded the surrounding area.

Someone other than just a pack of followers surveys the human being’s nest where they used to live. He, the one who grew 5 horns on his head, the giant ogre king, who was three times bigger than a normal ogre, groaned in displeasure.

Not enough.

This kind of meager food is not enough.

More… we need more food!

His eyes pointed far away ahead from the big forest, it saw a huge nest where

human beings crowded together.

The nest's name is Arra.

The humans might try to put some obstacles in the way, but that's not a problem.

There is an entire ogre clan numbering around 1500 and 5000 youma followers in this large forest anyway.

Truly this should not be a problem.

The moment the ogre king drew its conclusion, he passed a command to all of his followers.

Take all of your forces and charge toward the human nest immediately!!

Episode 10 – Breakdown of Negotiation

It’s only my second time, but I’m already used to the impression of the guild leader room. On both sides of the lounge suite, sit the guild leader, Collard, and a probably 25 year old male adventurer who wore leather armor before him.

Collard had a hard face, but seeing me and Gald enter the room, his tension loosened a little.

“Excellent, with this everyone is present.”

The two guards who were at the door before weren’t there.. it seems they were considered to be unnecessary for right now since he said everyone was present. However, it’s just 4 people here…I wonder why? The atmosphere here means we probably aren’t going to play mahjong though.

“Please sit for now. I have a bit of a complicated story to tell—”

While saying so Collard left his seat and sincerely poured a pot of black tea into the arranged cup and placed the cup in front of me (This kind of solicitude is something that Gald lacks, is this what it means to be the right man for the job?). After that, he spread out a biggish paper (Unlike the game, the paper spread rate is pretty high. Some kind of parchment which was kinda beyond looking like a relic) that was placed on top of the official desk.

It looked like the laid out paper was a map of the surrounding environment which played an important role for this town.

It was quite a simplification and on top of that the terrain scale and the location was a bit off. Maybe the measurement technique was underdeveloped, or it was on purpose because the real details were a military secret, I don’t really know about those circumstances but well, as an outline, the map wasn’t wrong.

Although for me, I have the player essential skill ‘Automatic Mapping’ (The skill draws in a 500m radius centering at the spot the player was at. The skill couldn’t be used on some dungeons and the like), before I came to Arra city Ten’gai easily flew me around the area, the map was built up in my head almost like a GPS.

Nonetheless, it is unnecessary to reveal what my hand is, so I pretended to view that map with great interest.

“To introduce him first, this here is Frank, a C rank adventurer belonging to this guild, and he is the leader of the adventurer group ‘Astor’…no, he was the leader.”

While he was being introduced by the guild leader, this person whose name is Frank showed a face that was twisted in regret.

If I take a good look at his armor that is brand new, there were cuts all over it like scratches by some nails, part of his face and skin that can be seen have unusual color. Seems it was a wound that was just cured by healing magic.

“Frank-san, this young lady here is… an esteemed lady who is currently staying in this city. Since right now we have a crisis, I asked her to be present here.”

On that harmless and inoffensive introduction, Frank remained silent and stared at me suspiciously. He bowed his head just because of the sense of obligation, however I pretended to not see him and ignored him.

After all, what’s the point of a greeting and etiquette if there is no feeling attached to it? That’s useless right? It’s pointless doing something which serves no meaning.

While sighing because of unfriendly atmosphere between Frank and I, Collard conveyed the main point of why he brought me here.

“By the way, does the young lady know a phenomenon called a ‘stampede’?”

Ah… I don’t know any stampede other than a pro wrestling technique.

Perhaps he already anticipated me, who tilted my head in confusion. Collard continued on,

“Once in a while in this big forest, on average in an interval of every 15 years, something happens for a short time over several months, the massive monsters movement phenomenon.”

Saying so he pointed on the map, at the spot in a north-east direction away from Arra city. At approximately the edge of the map, there was a spot shown that was covered by a tree mark indicator. Although the angle was practically 7

times more eastern and the distance to the tip of the forest was 30km more than this map showed.

“Hmmmn, is the cause known?”

“Yes, for the general cause there are 3 main reasons:

The first reason is because of food shortage. There is a lack of food in the forest, and the population of monsters increases too much which causes overflowing.

The second reason is because of the power struggle within the forest. The losing powers are kicked out of the forest and attack villages or other things they find. Well either of those two would surely be a disorganized mob, even if there was a fight against a large number, it’s on a scale that would not be a problem and could be defeated.

But the problem is the third reason, a case where there springs forth an individual who leads the monsters within the forest.”

“Leader? In short something like a field boss is it?”

“What’s that? The one who is the leader is not simply leading a bunch of followers, it’s a demon that evolved to the extent of uniting the whole forest together, in other words that fellow is the ‘King’. In that situation there would be various kinds of monsters, but every last of them is still the same; they possess a monstrous strength.
Actually when I was young, the reason the stampede occurred was because of the ‘Treant King’. That bastard grew roots from underground and sucked 100 adventurers of their blood at the same time.” Gald reminiscing his past.

“Hee? You defeated that? That’s a great kill.”

“To be fair the basis of that one is a tree monster after all. Its main body’s movement is slow, it’s also weak to fire, so with all gunpowder and fire magicians, and something like elementaler whom also cooperating, we can shave off the roots little by little from a long distance. In the end all the A ranks struck together at its main body and burnt it and, that’s all.”

“Hmm, well that’s the proper way of defeating it. At any rate since there is something like a field boss class, I think maybe you should leave it to someone

like a warrior who could defeat it solo, or the legendary S rank adventurer.”

“You mention something like an S rank, but how many S ranks do you think exist in this world?! Just to merely summon them, how much time and money do you think it would take!?” Frank angrily rebuke me.

Oh, the S rank really exists! Look like this will be a bit more fun.

“However, the opponent right now doesn’t have such a weakness, on top of that they have mobility, making this the worst trouble.”
Really irritatedly, Collard clicked his tongue.

Ah~ so it was like that.

From the flow of this conversation, the ‘stampede’ would be occur when a new ‘King’ is born.

“This problem began about 1 week ago, it started when contact from the pioneering village adjacent to the forest completely stopped.”

By nature, the remote region wouldn’t be given attention at first, but when the peddler who departed from the neighboring village also didn’t come back, some odd stories spread around the village.

Before long it escalated to communication from the villages nearby getting cut off, and as expected even the guild got their lazy butts in gear and dispatched 3 group of adventurer starting with Frank who worked in the Astor group to do the field investigation.

The result was this: everyone except Frank was annihilated.

“…It was hell. Even running desperately my comrades got overtaken one by one by those monsters, they were greedily eaten alive… I was miraculously able to escape from them…”
Frank eyes lost their spirit; he narrated bit by bit, the situation at that time.

“The monsters number in the thousands, perhaps it might be approaching tens of thousands. It’s said that the ogre was in the center, I dare to say it’s the ‘Ogre King’ now.”
From the supplementary that Gald gave, it’s literally the game of tag, is it?
[ED/TL note: Foreign joke here, she actually says onigokko(which is tag, the oni is

in the center and tries to tag the rest)]

That's the impression which came to my mind, but I won't say it out loud since that would be imprudent.

Or rather I should be saying…

"So, what I am here for?"

To say it bluntly, I don't have anything to do with this discussion. Even today I was planning to leave this town.

My words made both these 2 guild higher ups cross their gazes uncomfortably.

"…We want to ask for your opinion about this matter. As for your advice, what should we do?"

Hearing Collard plead, I make a "Hrmm…" sound while holding my jaw with my fist and tried to give it some thought.

"Maybe try making a discussion with them?"

"Don't say something stupid! There's no way we can communicate with that monster!!"

Just now Frank shouted with bloodshot eyes.

Eeh-I wonder about that. There is someone who is leading those huge crowds, so there should be a certain amount of intelligence making it possible to communicate with them. So the first thing that comes to my mind is to have a discussion.

"I guess it can't be done. For those guys, human beings are seen as a food. Actually, at the village that had been destroyed, from old men to babies, they were all eaten. Everything was gone down to pieces of their bones."

Even Gald curtly shook his head.

Hmmmm, they were communicating with me even though I'm a vampire princess though. I doubt these guys have already given up before they try it.

Or perhaps, let's just try to simulate it first.

My followers (monsters) will attack the human town.
An envoy comes along with a white flag raised.

What was that?
It's the human beings.
Then, I'll try tasting them a bit.

…Sorry, discussion is impossible. It's edible just by the sampling taste.

"Well numbers against numbers, there are military forces for times like this after all, what about calling the forces to defeat them?"

"Of course, we called for aid from the country, but something like an army can't move from one area to another so easily. It happens through parliament approval, gathering the unit that's scattered in various places, and then organizing it till its departure. At worst it takes several weeks, so it's not the best for a time like this, is it?"

Uwaah~, so troublesome~. Shouldn't a voice from the king be enough to move them since this is a kingdom?

In my own place I don't need to give a shout, let alone rally the army, even a certain ramen shopkeeper is always fully motivated to go into a battle.

"Then, there is no choice but to hold out in siege until those armed forces come, right?"

"That's also impossible, like how the town was named a free city, it has nothing but a miserable amount of wall."

"In that case shouldn't everyone just abandon this city and escape?"

"—You bitch, all this time you're just messing around! How many of our comrades sacrificed their lives to protect this city!!?"

Frank raises from his seat and was just about to grab me, together with Gald who was trying to stop him in panic, Frank sees my eyes and gasped. He submerged into the couch like he dislocated his back.

"…Mess around you say? I'm the one who should say that.

How many times in a row did this Stampede occur? And why in the hell did you guys make those pioneering villages there? Isn't that just like building a house on cliff or a river side where there's always falling rocks and flooding at fixed intervals?

–Nah, if the reason you have is that those things will happen anyway, at least, shouldn't you patrol that place everyday and make a defensive wall? Did you guys even do anything? No, the best you guys can do is puff your chest with pride heh.

But, with such villages falling victim, when it comes your turn to scout on them……it must be good huh, talking to dead villagers?

As for your sacrifice, our own bodies became the alarm, warning you that danger is aproaching. Their reply would be kind of like that right?"

"…It just as you say, everything that happened is my own incompetentness. However, as the Arra City adventurer guild leader, it's my duty and responsibility to protect this town. To speak honestly, just this once, please lend us your power."

Collard bowed down to me with a bitter face, however my anger isn't settled – Or perhaps I should say that my anger snapped.

"Then what sort of reward for me do you have? I have countless gold and silver coins. Social status isn't even necessary for me. I don't need your honor or gratitude. —So, what could you present to me?"

To be honest, I was releasing my anger from the bottom of my stomach.

"…If my only neck could ease you I will offer you this neck of mine. Somehow, please help everyone that lives in this town!"

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I absolutely have no idea why I was mad. Maybe because he presented his life that easily, what low value!!

"…You say that not as an individual, but as the representative of this city, the adventurer guild leader?"

"Yes."

His figure that nodded without any hesitation decided my resolution.

"'Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)'!"

Instantly, rising on my right hand, was a jet black and yet semi transparent

blade of the sword, my beloved ‘Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)’, I proceeded to grab it.

Ignoring the three people who have their eyes wide open, I pointed the edge of my sword towards Collard.

“Collard! Hereby I declare myself once again. My name is Hiyuki. The one and only immortal ruler of the demon light and the universal kingdom ‘Imperial Crimson’ which is as eternal as heaven and earth, and one who was praised as the ancestor of god! Do you think one puny neck such as yours will be enough for me? Or do you try to arose my sympathy and sway me? I’m also a person who can’t be taken lightly!”

I turn the sword blade of my ‘Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)’ sideways, which was pointed at Collard, who became pale.

“Choose well. What I protect are my subjects! You may choose to submit this town, all people and souls under this sword. If that’s the case I will maintain and protect to the end, body and soul. However if you can’t choose that, that means you are an opponent that ought to face this sword. Anything that happens will not be any of my concern.”

“……” Collard expressed an anguished face, but then he frailly shakes his head. “We can’t. This town is a free city, we can’t turn our self under you. Even if you are a being who is possibly a god.”

“Is that so?”

My incited emotion cools down with a gulp. Or precisely, my sanity returned.

…I feel that I made, with all my power, a terribly embarrassing chuunibyou speech, but it’s just my imagination right? That’s right. Let’s just put this into my inner dark history folder that I won’t open again.

『So foolish wasting the princess’s favor!』

Ten’gai vents his sneering from within my chest.. but please stop, don’t bring that up again!

Then, a guild staff member barged in together with a panicked knocking sound.

“I-It’s terrible! About 2 days distance from here, there’s an unbelievable swarm

of monsters!!”

Hearing those words, both Collard and Gald regained their vitality back.

On Frank’s side…Oh my, his skin completely turned white (Surely his worries of his dead colleagues were just piled up I guess).

I put away my ‘Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)’ and faced towards the door that was left open.

“Seems there’s not even time to escape. Well I want to see the strength of the monsters in this land and the adventurers; hence, I shall be the spectator.”

See you then—, I wave my hand and leave.

Episode 11 – Fighting Alone

Apart from the White Dragon mountain range to the north, the other cardinal points of Arra City are made up of great plains.

As an important traffic point, various main roads run through the flat terrain. Travelers would be very grateful for it, but the open area has no shelter or detour routes and the view range is wide, so other than clashing with an enemy head on, almost no tricks could be used in fights.

"…A trench is the best we could do huh? But it would be nice if we had the chance to dig up the trench."

While viewing the enemy rider who rode on the top of a beast type monster, Vice Guild Leader Gald muttered to himself with a bitter face.

It doesn't matter what way the opponent is being lead by the ogre king, it's still a monster after all. Not using their mind and trusting only their instinct, the monsters should be rushing headlong towards the city, but contrary to expectations, the enemy movement is so surprisingly well organized that the first part of the plan is beginning to fall apart.

The plan was to dig the trench and lie in wait to ambush, forming groups to target the masses of enemies that come to attack. First, the initial strike would be conducted by archers and catapults from a long distance. Next, when the enemy gets disorderly, magicians and elementalists who hid in the trench would conduct the attack from a middle distance.

At that time, from the same trench several adventurers who were escorting and standing by will leap out, scatter individually, and attack the enemies.

With the situation fully in chaos, the military troops would be the main hammer joining in and in one fell swoop, aim for the ogre king head. That's how was the plan on the human side, but it appears on the monster's side, they are going to use the riders to reach the humans quickly and seal off this side's archers and magicians. Then with that, the main force would come surging in. It seems they plan to bring themselves close to get into hand to hand combat and

have an overwhelming position.

"—I hope they were brought down by the archers and magicians before getting closer."

I don't have field experience, so for that reason I left all the rights to command this battle to you and with me as the best magician here, I am going to the front lines. Thinking about Collard, Gald gulps down his bitter saliva.

While gazing aimlessly at the front of the battle operation command post, a pavilion which extended atop the grasslands, there was a face among the armed adventurers that he recognized, reflexively he called out to that person to halt.

"OI, BOY!"

"Ye-yes!"

That person who was being called out, Joey, spontaneously stood completely still on the spot.

"What the hell are you doing?"

Gald uttered his shocked words while walking slowly towards him.

"O-of course, I am participating in battle to intercept the monsters!"

"Haa? You're still F rank right? Didn't the obligatory mobilization order tell E rank and below to stay back?

"…That's true but…but I can't stay silent at a time like this. I can at least swing my sword!"

"You'll just be a hindrance. A boy like you should get away from this place quickly!"

Judging that what Joey was doing was child egoism, Gald spit out his words with irritated tone.

"…Where will I get away to anyway? Isn't the shelter already full with woman and children, old people, and people who couldn't fight? If we lose here those people will be eaten by the monsters anyway, right?"

"Gh..!"

Gald sunk into silence after getting hit with a bullseye.

Surely the great majority of adventurers that could be called full-fledged, or D rank and above so to speak, are participating in the battle according to the guild's obligatory mobilization order, but they number 7,000 people. An additional 500 people from the stationed army and 2,500 volunteers total 10,000 troops. Compared to the 7,000 troops of the monsters it should be a 3000 surplus, but theoretically, to deal with monsters there needs to be at least three times the number of humans compared to monsters.

Presently their number is not enough to overwhelm the monsters.

At the current time, they're in such a bind that they could use anybody who is willing to fight.

"…But you know, boy, you are still young. No one will complain even if you escape alone now."

Hearing such words, Joey gives off a strange expression like smiling while crying.

"Mia-san also said that to me recently."

"Mia huh…"

Her existence is similar to Gald, who until this year was unmarried. He told her again and again many times over to evacuate before the battle operation began, but she stubbornly covered her ears and even now, she is here somewhere, checking on the materials and coordinating the relief squad.

"—Besides," Joey smiled embarrassingly, "this morning, Hiyuki made her appearance all of sudden."

"…Muh"

Gald frowned hearing that name. After all, it's unlikely that Hiyuki had any intention to help at all according to her declaration when she disappeared back then.

"She said, 'Joey, you're weak, therefore you should take Mia-san and run away', really having such useless concerns. Saying things like I'm unreliable as she likes."

"Muh…it's annoying, but I have the same opinion as her."

“I won’t do that—no, I can’t. That girl wasn’t escaping either, she said something unthinkable: ‘This is a very rare chance, and I am gonna watch this on a special seat’. If that’s the case, in order to make sure that the monsters don’t find her, I’ll go ahead!”

Towards Joey who said that full of determination, Gald was about to say ‘That person who you fell in love with is more unthinkable than you think’, but he saw the boy’s facial expression and swallowed his words. Faintly, his eyes and mouth loosened.

—That boy is showing the face of a real man.

“Boy…no, Joey. We are adventurers; even in this battle operation we consider our survival important. Not to mention you.. having the kind of behavior that makes two girls worried!”

“I understand!”

Joey was replying full spirit and joined up with other group of adventurers with a quick pace.

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“…this is the kind of thing that is said to be a guys only chat huh?”

Bypass the implementation of the evil eye and hearing the conversation between Joey and Gald, I unintentionally leaked such an impression of it.

Well, perhaps this is a hard obtained personal experience…?

“Is something the matter, Princess?”

Ten’gai who returned to his golden dragon (Naga Raja) shape and carried me far away floating on the sky above the battlefield asked me a question curiously. I replied to him that nothing was bothering me and looked down below.

Although those human beings should look like nothing bigger than sesame seeds, to me right now I can see them clearly, even each one of their faces.

“Which side do you think would win, Ten’gai?”

“It would be the monsters.” Ten’gai easily made his statement. “It’s really not a question with that degree of arms and the number difference.”

“Yes…I guess I have the same opinion. If the human beings want to gain victory, in the first place they have to take the numbers advantage. With 20,000 adventurers from E rank or G rank who didn’t participate in battle, in addition to mobilizing everyone who was willing to fight like even woman and children, they would press the enemies down with overwhelming numbers. There no other choice but to throw them in as extra manpower to stop the enemy’s movement, right?”

Well, with that situation too there would be a considerable amount of victims.

“However, that guild leader can’t make the decision.”

“It seems so. In a situation where you ought to sacrifice 50 people to save 100 people when needed, he seems like a person who would want to save 99 out of 100 and ends up getting everyone killed.”

As an individual he could possess a good will, but as someone who stands in the top position, he is really unbelievable.

To begin with, I have already given out many hints and yet he just uses his means to arose my sympathy. For example, he could gather information about the Lost Era as a top priority or he could have conspired with me in the background while keeping allegiance with the country as a front, anything would acceptable. Collard can’t be on that level, so I can’t help but see him as unfit to be a negotiation partner.

“Really what a foolish one that human being is.”

Ten’gai leaked his scorn. But come to think of it, I wonder if on the inside I’m still a human? Most recently I wasn’t really aware of it, but perhaps my outward appearance and environment are influencing me. While thinking about that I made my speech.

“Still, various things will take place so it’s going to be interesting.”

After that, by chance, I recognize the face of a human being who was moving around inside a group of human beings, to that figure I utter my words softly.

“I already warned you Joey. However I see that seems to be your choice…”

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It’s impossible to remember how many monster were already killed anymore.

At the beginning, the front line was holding out, but getting penetrated by enemy riders forced the firepower into a halt. Afterwards the front line was slowly pushed back as a result, before anyone knew it they were divided into parts and fighting with monsters.

Without knowing the battle situation nor the location of his allies, Joey too fought together with his company, but before he knew it one person had collapsed, two people were eaten, and again….then, when he realized it he was alone.

He drove through the battlefield holding his sword which was covered in blood, once in a while he killed the enemies that came across.

『Keep your distance, keep them within your field of vision!』
『Your movement is too simple so it could be evaded easily, your swing and posture are also disorderly making you full of openings!』
『Against a living monster’s reflexes, that obvious attack isn’t gonna hit!』
『Watch your opponent’s movement, don’t attack on your own except to feint it!』

He moved according to the instructions he got merely a few days ago, but he was surprised by himself; he could fight decently against the monsters.

Even so, the opponent’s attack made wounds on Joey’s body little by little, each time he fought it remarkably exhausted his body.

At that moment, an ogre appeared before his eyes.

“—Tch! Bring it on!”

Together with a roar the ogre swings its huge mace, and Joey read the mace trajectory to evade it by stepping back. Then he swung his long sword downwards, aiming for the ogre arm that was fully extended.

But it seems his stamina was at its limits, the sword cut shallowly into the ogre flesh and didn’t go any further. This made the ogre go mad and it threw its huge mace sideways, simultaneously clashing with Joey’s sword that was being pulled out.

In the next moment, the boy's body rolled along the ground like an old rag. Forcibly retaining his consciousness that seemed to pause, Joey searched for his long sword which had separated from him. Looking around the surrounding area, his eyes saw the blurry figure of the ogre that had fallen with his long sword stabbed into its neck.

"…at least I beat it…but, I wonder if this is also my limit."

The shock from getting hit made 5-6 of his bones break.

Even his remaining stamina was used up.

When the next opponent appears, he can't fight anymore.

"…Mia-san, Hiyuki, I wonder if they safely escaped…"

As he murmured that, Joey's eyelids slowly sunk.

Episode 12 – Lovely Princess Descent

"…He died"

Tengai informed me about that fact with a monotonous tone.

"Yes, that's true. Oh, Joey, you were showing off until the bitter end… you have mistaken being heroic and showing off. You're a small fry like all the others, and now you know how it turns out when you try to act cool-"

I spontaneously spilled my grumbling. Then, suddenly I realized that Tengai and I are looking at the same person.

"Tengai, you unexpectedly care about Joey huh?"

"…It's not like I care about him or anything, it's just that I happened to see him after that foul mouth had been with the princess for several days."

Uwaah, what's with this tsundere?!

"Be that as it may, it appears the battle has started to favor the monster's side."

"Yes, it has."

It can be said the human side is almost routed.
Around the headquarters, elite adventurers and the army were somehow holding them at a stalemate, but they were outnumbered after all. Once they get surrounded, that will be the end.

The way I see it, I can now roughly understand the strength of human being adventurers and monsters in this land (If this was Eternal Horizon Online, at best they would be at the strength of the monsters at the second town area where players arrived after they finished the tutorial).
There were almost none of the necessary things here, so I thought…

But why is it that, inside of my chest, there is a swirling of mist?

I don't think it's that I want to help human beings because I was originally a human.

In the first place, my impression of the monsters that I have met ever since I resurrected here was that their behaviors are all similar to human beings, if I leave out their brutish appearances. There's no need for me to distinguish them.

That is like one having a height of 3m, green skin, 8 eyes, 3 fangs in its mouth which breaths fire, and having 7 arms in total. You will realize they are different when seeing them for a bit —By the way, the time when I unexpectedly met him on my way back returning from the restroom at midnight, I made a soundless scream. "~~~~~~?!?" I think I would have completely wet myself if I had met him before I got to the bathroom —But, they show anger, they show laughter, they grieve, and they show their actions, the like of which humans keep a secret since they tie it very to profit and loss. The monsters are very honest, and I like that.

Therefore the scene below, for me, it's like watching a war in a distant country.

…However, something is making me not fully satisfied.

"By the way princess, it's just my personal opinion but—"

"Hmm? What is it?"

"Is that fine with you, not bringing the monsters in this land as followers of our 'Imperial Crimson'?"

Hearing those words, the hazy mist in my chest burst open.

"—Now that you mention it, that's right. I have done nothing but assert one side, not asserting the other side would be unfair right? Good work for pointing that out. Then, Tengai, could you send a message telepathically to bring 2-3 helpers from the castle?"

"Affirmative."

And then, I again glance at the small corpse which lies down at the corner of the battlefield.

"…And I still haven't handed you your quest reward either."

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It can be said that the battle outcome was already decided.
In front of the injured people who were being carried one by one, Gald was fretting about what he was going to do. Should he retreat from here? Or should

he bank everything on one kamikaze attack against the ogre king who hadn't yet released his entire battle strength?

"Vice Guild Leader Gald!"
The call which contained a bit of panic from his subordinate could be heard there.

"Mia? You're still in a place like this!? Shouldn't you take the injured and quickly take refuge behind here!?"

"Umm… Joey-kun is.. Joey-kun is not with the injured people, did he come through here?!"

In a desperate state, she grabs Gald's chest, even so Gald shakes his head.
"No, after he went to the front lines, I never saw him."

"Is…that so."
That alone made Mia understand the boy's condition; she tightly bit her lips. Suddenly a person came towards them, leaning on his companion's shoulder. Mia opened her eyes wide confirming it was really him.

"Guild Leader! You were safe!!?"

Gald also became disgruntled from hearing that; he rushed over to that person, Collard.

"Ou, you made it out alive!"

"…Yeah, thanks to my devil's luck."
Nonetheless, his magical power was used up completely, and he was unable to walk from total exhaustion.

"Still, you came with quite good timing. —Mia, please take the guild leader and withdraw behind here. Guild Leader, sorry, but when you have regained a bit of your strength, please take over command for me."

"You…what are you going to do?"

"Well, though I know how far I can go, I shall help out with the last struggle in vain."

"…."
In contrast with Gald who grinning fiercely, Collard along with Mia realized the

meaning of his words and downcast their eyes in silence.

Then—

“W-what is that….!?!”
“…An Ancient Dragon?!”
“No, that’s not it! I never heard of an Ancient Dragon which is that huge!!”

At the place where the three of them directed their gaze within the surrounding uproar, there was a huge dragon shining in gold. It had a wingspan of 200m and the length from the tip of the head to its tail was about the same. There was no doubt it was currently descending from heaven.

But, what made those 3 people direct their gazes wasn’t because of that, it was the one who stood proudly on the dragon’s head. A very tiny figure compared to the dragon’s large size, and yet it was someone who gave out the presence that was no less than the dragon. The girl who wore a dress colored jet black with red roses.

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Joey’s body became comfortably warm, it was a nice sensation like getting into lukewarm water. Slowly he opened his eyelids.

“Yo, Joey. How is your body’s condition?”

Joey tried to raise his body that was lying on the ground and sat in a half raised position. He turned toward the palm of a hand which faintly shined; there Hiyuki was smiling care-freely. Joey suspected that this was heaven, and the one before him was certainty a goddess.

“You…why…wasn’t I dead…”

“Yes, you were dead. I didn’t know if resurrection in this world was usable, so I just abruptly performed it. Looks like it works. You had a good luck eh.”

“Resurrection…? What’s that?”
(TL/ED Note: She said resurrection in English)
“Oh, it’s my skill. Come think of it, I haven’t told you my occupation. To tell you the truth, I have two. I have obtained both the highest peak of swordsmen ‘Sword Master’ and the highest peak of priesthood ‘Saint’.

Don’t you think its quite interesting? A vampire princess who got into the highest peak of the darkness family has two jobs after all, and the one I chose was ‘Saint’. I was called ‘Race cheater’ and ‘Dark cheater’. Really, how rude of them.”

Hiyuki said that in a huff. Feeling like it was the ordinary Hiyuki, Joey laughs.
“Haha, I don’t know what you’re talking about. But, you sure an amazing person.”

“Though you only say ‘amazing’… I also believe I’m a big-shot though. Putting that aside, I have a reason to bring you back from the underworld. If you remember, I still haven’t paid the quest reward to you right? That’s why, well… the money is more like a mere fare of the Styx River carriage, but I believe I shall pay you here.”

Saying so, Hiyuki brought out the continent’s common silver coin from her back pocket.

“If I am not mistaken, the average payment was 2 silver coins and 8 copper? Then with the overdue fee, I’ll leave it out as 3 silver coins.”

Getting presented with silver coins in her small hand before his eyes, Joey sank into silence with a bewildered expression.

Behind these two (More accurately with Ten’gai in his dragon form displaying his glare to those surrounding), within masses of human beings who were viewing the situation from a distance, 2 people, no… one more who was being carried behind a hugely built man, the three people jump in with a great haste.

“Joey-kun!”
“Joey, you are safe?!”
“Why is this young lady here…?”

“My, everyone was safe. Unfortunately this is none of your business, so could you all calm down a little?”

Her plain words made the 3 people who were approaching suddenly stop.

“Well now, Joey. Since after this I have other business, I wonder if you would accept this?”

“……no”

“Hmm? Are you discontent with the amount of money?”

“That’s not it. I’m receiving a fee when I didn’t work for it after all. That’s why I won’t accept it.”

“Nah, I believe that as a client I am already satisfied with the result. —Hey, what should be done in a case like this, Mia-san?”

Mia-san’s mind went blank for a moment, getting put on the spot all of sudden, but she pulled herself together and replied.
“Concerning dealing with a case like this, and on top of that without a prior contract with a clear document, it is left to the discussion between the adventurer and the client.”

“Hmm, then, in the end you won’t say yes. I wonder what would make you agree.”

Hearing that Joey thought about it with several breaths.

“That’s precisely why you should allow me to guide you around the town. After I’ve done that, I would accept the payment.” He said it clearly.

“…Nah, even though you say that you’ll guide me around, the town is in such a bad condition. I also plan to go to my next destination.”

“Then, when you have free time, it’s okay if I guide you around right?”

“I don’t know when I’ll have that time you see?”

“Any time is fine with me. In the first place, didn’t you say yourself that ‘the quest’s period isn’t fixed’? If that’s the case, then no matter how many years pass, there won’t be a problem with the contract right?”

That speech made Hiyuki open her eyes and mouth wide dumbfounded. Joey who was previously always getting told, was finally able to make Hiyuki speechless and he smiled like a brat.

“…I give up, that’s true I said that before. Then it can’t be helped, the contract will be continued until next time I come. —Then, I have to do something so that the town would be safe until I finish sight seeing right? Good grief, a natural airhead jumped over logical reasoning eh.”

Hiyuki shrugged her shoulders and muttered to herself. Hearing that, Collard and Gald look at each other's faces with a surprised expression.

"Then, I have to clear up this other business, so it's time for me to go."

Joey got up and faced Hiyuki, and had only just stood up straight, he asked her lonesomely,

"—Will you come again?"

"I already said it before, right? Until you become full-fledged, my money is in custody, so I will come back at the time you become full-fledged."

"Ah yes. Then, I'll see you later."

"Yeah, stay well." Then she proceeded to address the 3 people who stood completely still behind him. "Also you guys too. —Mia-san, even I though I said it like that he's still not hearing me, that's why you had better keep a leash on him. Vice Guild Leader Gald, keep mastering your body rather than your head with the same training. Guild Leader Collard, I think you have a problem as someone who is in a top position, but as a person, you are a fine man."

In the end Hiyuki said that and waved her hand, turning around. Even toward the awaiting monsters lead by the ogre king, she walked relaxingly.

Joey once again gave a farewell "Goodbye, Hiyuki.", and the remaining 3 people gave their salutes behind her back.

Episode 13 – With a single blow

With a Single Blow

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“Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)!”

I summoned my beloved sword to my hand, a jet black sword with a transparent edge. It didn’t come from a special quest nor a boss drop but was created with the blacksmith skill--the strongest one with all ten successful reinforcements after more than thousand failed products. Even within the server, swords that can compete with it can be counted with the fingers on one of your hands. I grasped the sword, “Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)” with one hand.

By the way, there’s also an odd pervert in this world who successfully strengthened a rare sword from a level 120 boss that only drop once every 2000 times, eight times! (He is one of my guild member though. As you would expect everyone stopped him before he strengthened it a 9 time). That’s why I can’t carelessly boast about my sword being the best.

“Rose of War Fire (Anne of Geierstein)!”

In an instant, the dress I wore disappeared, and changed into a dress with a black rose attached. (it had the same design since the crafter is the same) It was a bustier dress with more exposure around the collarbone. Even my socks changed into short line that cover until above my knees.

This is fencer equipment which was created from the highest level defensive

equipment with eight successful reinforcements (I got cold feet in the middle though). It’s exclusive equipment with a supplementation effect on AGI (agility) for nimbleness, and CRT (critical) to increased hit ratio, “Rose of War Fire (Anne of Geierstein)!”

"Blessing of Rose (la Vie en Rose)"

The black pouch on my waist disappeared, in exchange jet black wings growing from my back.

It's not a transformation; this "Blessing of Rose (la Vie en Rose)" is originally a boss drop "Mattle of the Blue King." In the hands of a crafter its appearance changed into that of a paid gacha item “The Wings of a Fallen Angel” a back equipment item. It’s a convenient item that increases AGI (agility), DEX (dexterity), plus MAG.A (Magic Attack) for attack power with magic.

“Iron Rose (Eiserne Jungfrau)!”

A black long glove appeared, the half fingers type, which covered my left hand till my upper left arm plus a fresh rose with a crawling ivy design appeared on one side.

Even though the appearance was like that, it is a shield. It increased AGI and VIT (vitality) by a huge amount, an exclusive equipment that was just for me “Iron Rose (Eiserne Jungfrau)”

Moreover as my headdress, earrings, necklace, and shoes all changed into serious equipment, Ten’gai who followed after me let out a growl and also changed to human form with sparkling radiance.

However, different from his usual tuxedo appearance, now he is in his knight form wearing golden armour and carrying a great sword. (Demon subordinate's (pet) best equipment, "Supreme Ruler" series) He can almost can be mistaken as a king from somewhere.

Then, at the same time, three figures fall from the sky, together with Ten'gai surround me from 4 directions and kneel toward me.

"You're late, Mikoto, Kokuyou, Utsuho!"

Hearing Ten'gai's dissatisfied voice, the three of them bowed deeper. Mikoto —who as I thought didn't wear her maid uniform but combat equipment which let a silver shine, an armour which was more like a leotard with no additional cloth nor metal, a long boot of the same material, long gloves that cover half of her arms, iron alice band, and a sacred cane that taller even than herself— answer as their representative.

"It's truly inexcusable for us being late, princess."

"Nevertheless this is the first battle together with the princess after 100 years. The demon generals from round table, and those who heard about this matter in the castle, nominated themselves one after another and made the discussions take longer."

Utsuho who is in human form like usual (if she was serious she could grow more than 50m into a nine tailed fox) wearing shrine maiden outfit—though in her head there're two white fox ears, and from the cuff of her kimono nine pure white tails poked out—answered Ten'gai with a dull atmosphere while covering her mouth with her beloved folding fan.

“Humph. How much is the damage?”

Ten’gai threw a confirming glance toward Kokuyou who was equipped with black armour and a spear like always, added with a large shield (Pavis) of the same colour.

Wait, damage…?

“Worry not, I held back so no one died.”

“In exchange, the banquet hall and all rooms attached to it and the corridor walls, all collapsed.”

Wait a sec---!! What do you guys mean discussing has exchanging fists first as a default?!

“I see. If it’s only that much then it’s not a problem.”

Nonono, I think that’s a big problem!

I want to shout with all my might, I want to shout but…thinking about what I’ll do, I’m afraid they’ll rebut me with ‘You’ve no right to say that!’, I have no choice but endure.

By the way we seemed to talk leisurely but actually during this time the subordinates of the Orge King plunged forward, attacking. Even so, the four of them kill them with ease—even without looking—as if swatting a fly.

Ten’gai has the greatest firepower among all of my demon subordinates (pets).

Mikoto has the strongest healing ability (even so demon subordinates (pet) can’t use resurrection).

Kokuyou, the strongest wall, has HP second only to Ten’gai, with outstanding vitality and superior resistance in all elements except light (as he is the dark element).

And Utsuho is proficient in all elements except light and darkness.

Serious equipment, the four heavenly kings, actually these are things to be used in a level 90+ field, so this might be overkill…

Well, it’s better being too strong than too weak. Let’s not mind it.

“—well then, the long awaited talk (battle) is here. It’s a bit unsatisfying but let’s go inspect our opponent, the Orge King.”

“—Yes!”

The four heavenly beast kings salute and stand.

Well then, where’s our discussion partner~?

“…”

Since I won’t know by just looking, for now let’s go to into the densely packed monsters randomly.

10 minutes later—

I got lost.

This place is way too wide! I can walk from one side to another (of a field) when this was a game in five minutes… Or rather perhaps our discussion partner was also moving?

Even if I have auto mapping, since it didn't show enemy whereabout it has no meaning right now.

If I had ranger's detection skill then I might be able to do something.

…Well there's no use wishing on something that doesn't exist. Since it has become like this then, let's go with the usual pattern.

"—Ten'gai"

"Yes--!"

"I'm tired of walking. I'll run so please cover me."

""!!""

Realizing what I mean the four heavenly kings look tense, but without waiting for reply I already dashed out and reached top speed in one breath.

"Those who want to die, come!"

Well then, fundamentally current MMORPGs prohibit PK (Player Kill) (there's also server that allows PKing though). For personal battles, either they need consent of both parties or they need to move to a place that allows for battles, though it doesn't really matter for me.

The person in front of the monitor is human, so having grudges or jealousy is

normal.

That's why most fights are against AI, and even some bosses have different ways to fight, in the end it's basically a contest of strength or frankly "whoever can last longer" will win.

How much damage you can stand, and how much damage you can inflict.

And in the case where many players work together to beat a powerful enemy, it's not an exaggeration to say that whether or not they had someone to shield the whole party may become the deciding factor of the battle.

It's really irrational but having 'shield' 'restoration' and 'fire power' these three types of roles may change the stability on a different level. Well, some occupations face misfortune because of this though.

And then my job is Sword Master and Saint, at a glance perhaps it'll be useful as 'restoration' or 'firepower', but my race, 'vampire princess', has a special trait that actually reverses this advantage.

This 'vampire princess' race basically is a race that is suited for magic occupations or assassins, with high MAG (magic power), INT (Intelligence) second only to angels, and having the highest DEX (dexterity), AGI (agility) among all races. On the other hand, power related stats like STR (Strength) and 'toughness' related stats VIT (vitality) are lower even than normal humans, in short: paper armor.

That's why I can't be used as 'fire power'. And then since 'restoration' is the most important part of the party because it can heal no matter how many team mates have died, ultimately it must have 'toughness' so they won't die before their team mates. In short with 'vampire princess' toughness level it also can't be used.

Then it hit me.

In the end, if the attack doesn't hit then it's all ok right?

With that, rather than putting stat points to VIT, I increased the original strong point of the vampire princess race which was DEX and AGI until I reach level 99. Added with equipment bonuses, my speed and evasion rate reach terrifying values.

By the way for monsters, the status only enclosed numerical values of HP, MP, and depended on ATK (attack) for physical attacks and MAG.A (magic attack) for magic attack. I haven't checked everyone's stats but perhaps even if they level up it won't be surprising that I'm still the fastest in Imperial Crimson.

Nonetheless, no matter how fast numerically I am, if I can't use it then it has no meaning--.

In front of me a group of orges stand in my way. From Ten'gai's and Mikoto's hands who chased after me right away fly 'lightning' and 'holy halo' respectively —but it's too slow.

Before their magic reached I had already jumped into the middle of that group, waving "Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)" in a flash, cutting numerous heads nearby while unleash Sword Master skill "Nanaten Kouha (Sword of Seven Heavens Descend) (The tip of the word splits into seven and kills several enemies in one hit). After I ran through them finally the 'lightning' and 'holy halo' hit their targets.

"Ooh! That's our princess! In the olden days, even among 150 heaven people, she is the only one who could dodge all of my lightning!"

Ten'gai raised a voice of admiration.

Uh huh, originally in EHO (Eternal Horizon Online) hit decisions and weak point destruction chances were quite severe. However it seems this way of fighting suits me the best. At the event of the Golden Dragon (Naga Raja) invasion, among 150 people who had reached counter stop and reincarnated 3 times, I was the only one who was able to evade all the rain of lightning from the sky that was released.

Well I received terrible remarks like ‘Are you a human from the cosmic era?’ or ‘Your movement is impossibly abnormal’ or ‘This is the second formal cheat’ though…

That’s why if there’s a marathon match I think I’ll be able to win against almost ordinary boss level monsters (Ten’gai is impossible though. Also the attack and restoration amount of ‘Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais) is quite balanced, so my centralization is not wasteful). Nevertheless my defense hasn’t changed and is still paper-like, that’s why if I receive an attack from a boss level monster it’ll only take one or two hits before I die. That’s why when I’m at the castle I can’t let my guard down, seriously.

Then, with this—after I beat them all, there are some proud looking orges—err when I checked their status window it’s Orge Lord, are they Orge King’s close aides? They were surrounding an Orge who was twice as big as them with five horns and who was even wearing a breastplate. It’s none other than the Orge King himself.

There’s no mistake.

Well, just in case let’s check its status win—dow….

“—Wha-what’s wrong, princess?!”

The flustered Ten’gai hugged me and stopped my shaking and staggering body.

Well, how should I say—this… Because I saw something impossible, I became dizzy.

Orge Princess

Race: Orge Princess

Name: Sofia

HP: 1.800.000

MP: 520.000

*If unmarried, it is a princess. After marriage it will become Queen.

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“---er, are you perhaps a female?”

Hearing that the five horned Orge face turned grim and she roared.

“Of course! Which part of me looks like a man!!”

…I’m sorry. That grim face, that rock like muscle, no matter where I look, I can’t make out any unmanly parts…

“Well it’s fine. –Now then, Orge Princess, my name is Hiyuki Tokoshie (lit. Eternal Scarlet Snow), the Lord of the Kingdom of Evil Light ‘Imperial Crimson’. I’ll give you two choices! What I can give you is either terror or power, namely will you swear obedience under this sword of mine, or possibly, you can try to

stand before me and throw your life away in futility.”

“DON’T JOKE WITH US!!”

Before I even finished my speech, all three Orge Lords lost their tempers and came forward. Kokuyou swung his spear once, and the two of them had their bodies scattered till nothing was left of their original shape. There was only one left.

“How boorish.”

With one swing of Utsuho’s folding fan, a bright blue flame surrounded the surviving one, turning it to nothingness.

I, once again, point the tip of my “Sinner of Rose (Gilles de Rais)” onto the Orge Princess.

“Let’s hear your answer, Orge Princess. Will you submit, or will you choose death?”

“Gugugugugu…!”

She fell into anguish for a short period but, with a clanking sound she threw away the giant battle axe onto the ground, and fell to her knees.

“…I submit.”

“Hmfh, that’s a wise decision. I and my ‘Imperial Crimson’ welcome you with all our heart.”

Ah— that's good. As I thought she is someone who is capable of discussions. To be able to settle this with discussions is the best.

…Well, it had become sea of blood earlier, but since it's legitimate self defence that should not be a problem, yup.

"Be at ease. As long you obey our princess, constant battle and high grade sake named victory will always be waiting for you." (TL: no idea)

"Uh huh, let's dominate everything in this world, and reach even higher heights together with our princess!"

The Orge princess showed an expression of both doubt and assurance hearing Utsubo and Ten'gai's words.

Yeah, I know veeeeerrrryy well about that feeling. Since I'm the number one who doesn't want to believe it.

"—even so, since us, the four heavenly beast kings, have finally descended to the surface, to end with just this, I feel a bit unsatisfied."

Agreeing with Utsuho's words, Kokuyou noded vigorously.

"True, but fighting against humans won't satisfy us. –er, if I remember correctly there's a dungeon and a mountain where a white dragon dwells."

"Ah I missed dungeons. And I think I can enjoy fighting a white dragon."

"Yeah, let's strike while the iron is hot! Let's go! ---Oi newcomer, you come too. I'll carve it into your eyes and your soul that our words are neither lie nor

bluff!”

…What’s with this rapid development?

“Then Princess, let’s depart.”

Well, even if you say so, must I really go…?

I’ve been considerably worn out mentally, I want to rest—wait, that would mean returning to the castle.

To the somehow half wrecked castle after a battle royal among our own people.

Perhaps entering dungeon or hunting field bosses is better.

“—then, let’s go.”

I take the lead in desperation.

As always, I’m surrounded by four heavenly beast kings, and the Orge Princess who picked up her battle axe again, following behind timidly.

With that, in one day we conquered the ancient ruin (dungeon) outside Arra city, the lord of white dragon mountain range, and added together with the great forest made it three places—a quite substantial territory increase.

This is the end of first chapter.

Next up is the Royal Capital Volume, but before that I plan on inserting

something like a sequel or prequel.

Interlude 3 – Rose Recollection

Pre-explanation

Protagonist in this chapter isn't Hiyuki, she using 私 for her inner monologue, so I assume the protag is a woman.

Interlude 3 Rose Recollection

I met that boy during my part time job at a local supermarket.

I wonder if he's a middle school student?

Chestnut hair, pure white skin, a neutral look with a slender body.

A pretty boy huh? That was my impression of him in my eyes.

Later, I was informed that he already graduated from middle school long ago, and he is currently aiming to get into a university for telecommunication. I couldn't believe it.

"Things like my hair and height were caused by malnutrition."

I was thinking that what he said in self-mockery was a joke at first. In these modern times, I'm convinced without a basis that something like malnutrition can't happen, but someway or another I realized that it was the truth and was surprised later on.

Because that child had such a stand out appearance, all other co-workers got interested and talked to him. Though he replied to them warmly, he drew a cold line somewhere and vaguely gave off an unapproachable atmosphere. Gradually, the assertive co-workers who wanted to talk to him left, but he himself on the contrary showed untroubled behavior, instead he was whistling.

Well, but not for me, I became interested in him all of a sudden. As I had free time during lunch break, when it was time to return, I quickly went to address him.

“You really are a strange person.”

‘It’s just a waste of money.’ he said unwillingly as I persuaded him to eat at a fast food restaurant before he leaves. Then, he ordered the cheapest meal, he literally doesn’t have any money. So, as we meet face to face he said these words and I tilted my head in puzzlement.

“…Is that so?”

“Yes it is. Almost everybody reads the atmosphere that I don’t want to be approached.”

“Hmmm, perhaps that’s true if you say it like that, it’s just that I’m kinda interested in you. There are no young people who have philosophic view likes you around me.”

“You seem like a `curiosity kills the cat’ type of person huh. But well that meaning has its own vitality, so I’ll give you my respect”.

And then, we continued the conversation without stopping. (Or perhaps I should say, it was in a pattern where I was asking him one sidedly and he replied tiresomely)

He lost both of his parent and was living alone.
He worked 2 years ago in the supermarket by his guarantor.
On holidays he studies for the university exam in the library.
His hobby is playing net games.

“Heee, what a splendid otaku life style~”

“Leave me alone. People on the net mutually remain anonymous, so there are no troublesome human relationship parts, and it’s comfortable.”

The one who unreasonably invited him before he left and asked him to tell such a story is me so I am going to pay for both of us, but as I am about to do so, he stubbornly refused to accept it even though it was only a small amount.

“I hate lending and borrowing. Let’s pay for our own shares.”

“But I don’t think this amount would be like that. In the first place I was the one who invited you here, and you must have borrowed like this before right?”

“You’re wrong.” He declared it with a cold tone. “In all cases, the one who is

giving out the money will dominate the other person mentally."

And then at every opportunity, when we were returning from work, we enjoyed ourselves with idle chat and tea time (Well, perhaps the one who enjoy themselves was just me, but it doesn't mean he also disliked being accompanied).
Although considering his situation, he doesn't have money. Each time it was coffee from a convenience store or sitting in a park while drinking canned juice.

After chatting like this several times, his private side was revealed gradually.

"Well, my family was very prosperous when I was born. My parents had a high social standing and they both loved me, but before I turned 10, they got in an accident."

"After that it was like a blur. My kind grandparents and relatives whom I considered my own family joined forces, and together took all my parents' assets, using all kinds of reasons why they snatched away everything."

"Then finally one of them declared themselves my guardian. I was taken to my uncle's family house where my eldest cousin lived. Well when it comes to this, there a lot of this story already, I was physically and mentally abused. When I turned 13 years old, my body suddenly stopped growing."

"As you would expect I couldn't endure it anymore, so I called the police and the school. But well… comparing a kid complaining to my uncle who had a high social standing, was renowned in his neighborhood, and was a government administrator, it was clear that they didn't believe anything I said. And then my treatments became way crueler."

"More than that what really harmed me was my eldest cousin. When someone gets around the ages of a middle school kid, they become interested in sex right? Then, because he took notice of my outward appearance, in addition with my mental and physical abuse, it reached a point where I was getting sexual abuse."

"Well, it's because of my ignorance of something like property. All that happened is me reaping what I sowed, but in the very least, I had to save my remaining body and soul."

"As I escaped from home and wandered aimlessly, I was picked up by a

caseworker. Nowadays, that sort of thing like violence and abuse had become a big social problem, so I was taken to a shelter. Even now I still feel it."

"Aah…it's not like I'm thinking my own life is sorrowful or miserable, there are lot of people who born with an incurable diseases, and there are 7% of people in this world if you search for it who have trouble finding water to drink."

"Yes, I don't particularly think my relatives and uncle are bad people either. In this world there is no such thing as benevolence or unselfish love. Humans consider what things convenience themselves. Although that's how humans act, I'm still hoping for some selflessness. Good grief, what a soft person I am."

"Or more precisely… I wonder if there really are bad people and good people? The day until my parents died, I considered them as good people. Even now if we take a prospective from other people, they're good people."

"That's why you missed the mark when saying that I have a philosophic views. It was simply my cowardice."

Shortly thereafter, he died in an unfortunate accident.

Not long afterward, the net game which he often played was also closed down. The company originally intended to operate it for 5 years, but it was losing popularity to the more recent net game, therefore they decided to shut it down, or so I read about it in a blog.

I don't know where his funeral is being held nor do I know where he buried.

That's why, today, 1 year after the accident, I placed a banquet of red roses, the flower which he said he liked, at the place of the accident. Then I join my hands together and prayed.

"Seems you love flowers eh, especially rose flowers. Did you know? On a grape field to produce wine in France, people were planting rose flowers. It was said that from long ago rose flowers made up the alarm warning that diseases were coming. Even though they are such frail things, they defend themselves with thorny scrubs, isn't that lovable?"

He was a person like a rose flower.

I wonder if you know it. The meaning of red rose in language of flowers is

‘Passion’ and ‘Love’.

You had said with your own words that you don’t believe such thing as love, but the truth is you wanted to believed in it right?

Although I won’t hear a reply anymore, I like the things about you.

End

Author Notes

Did Hiyuki having inconsistency in her behavior principle? There were many if I’m pointing all out, so I just display her base of thought just a bit: ‘I won’t to steal other people life’, ‘I won’t to steal other people fortune’, ‘I won’t snatch other people place’, these thing is what Hiyuki considered about her minimum pact for humankind. Then again, human is a being who carried out their action based on what they consider benefit for themselves; therefore she had no choice but didn’t believe on them and conduct her own self-defense. However, the truth is she wants to believe in them, that contradiction itself one revealed in her idea of thought when argued against Collard. (TL: when Collard is pleading for her help in stampede disaster)

So, for the first time she plays the game is when she was taken into the shelter. She plays disregard the tutorial and distribute the status point by her own judgement.

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